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Reindeer Parade 'almost certain' to go ahead...

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

COWBRIDGE Chamber of Trade is "very hopeful" that the Reindeer Parade will go ahead in the town on Sunday, November 28.

In recent years, local business organisations across the country have faced increasing obstacles in putting on Christmas-related events because of health and safety concerns, insurance issues or the closure of roads.

Alun John, the chairman of the Chamber of Trade, said that following a meeting he was confident the Reindeer Parade would go ahead.

He said: "After a very positive meeting with the Vale Council highways and legal departments and the police, I can say that the parade is likely to go ahead as usual – we just have few i's to dot and t's to cross.

"At one stage it looked as if it was 50-50, but now it is 90 per cent certain."

The Reindeer Parade in Cowbridge has become a much loved tradition in the town with Santa, real reindeer, lots of entertainment on the day and local organisations all taking part in the procession through the town.

If the weather has been dry, there have been bumper crowds jostling for a view on the pavements and even in poorer weather there has been a good turn-out.

It is not just people local to the Vale that attend, visitors often travel from as far away as west Wales, the valleys and even parts of England.

Mr John said that progress was also being made in terms of Christmas lighting.

"We have secured a sponsor and will be making an announcement on who it is at a later date.

"The Christmas lighting will not include lamp posts because of health and safety concerns."

The Chamber of Trade hope that as many businesses as possible, along with domestic premises along the town's main thoroughfare, will have lights, including fake Christmas trees that can be mounted with brackets supplied by the chamber.

"We want to have even more input in lighting than in previous years and hope not just businesses, but individuals, will want to get involved.

"It would be nice to see a run of lighting all the way through the town to Westgate."

If local people want to take part in the 'lighting decorations', they should get in touch with either Alun John or Natalie Isaac.

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Len Taylor, told The GEM: "I am delighted that the road closure situation seems to have been resolved.

"The Reindeer Parade going ahead creates so much pleasure for people particularly the children."

● *In recent weeks, more shops have been opening on Sunday in Cowbridge.*

ABOVE: Flashback to 2009 – Cowbridge Reindeer Parade is one of the town's most popular events, drawing visitors from as far afield as west Wales and England.

Alun said that Arthur John & Co had been pleased by the response of shoppers.

He commented: "It is early days for Sunday shopping and not as good as weekdays yet, but we will get there."

He added that he was hopeful that by the day of the Reindeer Parade, a large number of shops would be open on Sunday.

'VALE COUNCIL APPEARS TO BE ALIENATING LOCAL ADVICE'

Conservation groups claim they are being 'squeezed out' of the consultation process

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

THE Vale Council has denied that it is trying to prevent local conservationists from being able to speak out on matters in the Vale.

The row has broken out because the council is reorganising its conservation advisory group, and has appointed a number of professional bodies to the group.

As a result, the chair of the Cowbridge and District Local History Society, Professor Dick Buswell, wrote to The GEM over his concerns that local representatives will be squeezed out by the professional bodies that will now dominate it.

He added that, in another change, local representatives would only be allowed to speak on matters within their own area.

The new group will include representatives from the Royal Town Planning Institute, and the Royal Institute of British Architects (or its equivalent in Wales). Also other national bodies, such as the Georgian Group, will be on the new panel.

Prof Buswell said: "These groups will provide a 'professional core' and local people from conservation areas in towns and villages around the Vale will have to apply to become members, and will only be allowed to speak on matters pertaining to their own area.

"I believe the 'professional core' will have neither the necessary local knowledge, nor sympathy for our historic buildings and townscapes.

"There is also a potential conflict of interests between these professionals and their possible clients, who may be making applications for planning permission in sensitive areas."

He added that the existing system had served the Vale well, and that members had built up a core of background knowledge. He said: "To restrict us to commenting solely on matters pertaining, say, to Cowbridge or Bonvilston, is demeaning and, in a way, patronising.

"The Vale Council appears to be alienating the very constituents whose advice it should value."

For the Vale Council, Rob Thomas, the head of planning and transportation, commented: "The input of local groups is clearly important when assessing proposals within conservation areas.

"The advisory group will allow this to happen in an organised and structured manner, and I look forward to working with the groups concerned in the future.

"Any proposals will need to be reviewed to assess their effectiveness, and this is something that the council's cabinet has committed itself to in due course."

...while countdown to Fashion Week begins

PROBLEMS with the rolling road closures, highlighted by police, could affect plans for the fashion parade through Cowbridge.

Organisers will not know until Friday if the parade of models along the town's high street will take place on Thursday, October 21, as part of the launch of Cowbridge Fashion Week which runs until Saturday, October 23..

But organisers say that if it is not possible because of the need for road closure notices, models will still be walking along the street.

"We may well just switch the parade to the pavements," said Awen Evans, one of the organisers. "We are so excited by what's being planned this year.

"Really, the question of the parade is irrelevant. Yes, we would love to have it, but there are lots of alternatives if not. We may stage mini fashion shows outside shops, or have people walking along from shop to shop.

"In any case, the champagne trail leading from shop-to-shop is most definitely on."

Cowbridge Town Council has been looking into the issue of the rolling road closures and the need for legal notices in the press, and has been in talks with local police over their own activities, including the Remembrance Sunday and Civic Parades.

Awen, who works at High Society and Havana boutiques, said that the Chamber of Trade, which organises the event, had pulled out all the stops this year.

"Last year's Fashion Week was fantastic but this year we hope it will be even better," she said.

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Vale recycling fit for purpose?

ON September 22, our paper/glass/can recycling was collected by a compaction refuse vehicle and the material pre-sorted by householders was mixed by the lorry's compaction process.

As the lorry pulled away, cans, bottles and paper spewed out of the rear, but the crew made no attempt to clear it up.

Some months back, the council's head of cleansing, Mr Parrish, wrote a letter to The GEM strongly denying an allegation that the council's collection vehicles were responsible for creating litter. Does he continue to hold that view?

Ongoing correspondence to The GEM suggests dissatisfaction by residents of the council's litter and recycling policy and operation. Does Mr Parrish continue to believe that the council's service in these areas is fit for purpose?

G.J Taylor,
Barry

Memo HAS a film licence!

COUN Richard Bertin is to be congratulated on his skill at recycling old news as bright new ideas of his own.

Had he read previous editions of this august journal, or looked at the news section of our website (*www.memorialhalltheatre.co.uk*) he would have seen that The Memo has already obtained a film licence.

Our marketing department has also been canvassing suggestions from the people of Barry for suitable films to provide a programme of on-screen entertainment throughout the winter season.

In addition, we are planning a series of special film-themed days, such as 'Bond - Shaken not Stirred', 'The Rocky Horror Show' and other top classics that can be linked to social events.

Details of these events and our regular film programme will be publicised nearer the time, both in the press and on our website.above.

Richard Thomas
(Secretary, Memorial Hall & Theatre Trust)

Need a speaker?

I HAVE studied the American Civil War and First World War and visited most of the major battlefields and have written a number of talks about the battles and some of the individuals involved.

Why was Lyons Wakeman an Uncommon Soldier? Who helped her elderly father dig 100 graves and had a baby three months later? Where was the first soldier killed in Britain by enemy action in 1914? Why was Captain Harold Owen Owen's death so very unlucky? Where was the first successful submarine attack?

If you would like the answers, please get in touch. I don't charge, but do ask for a donation to 'Help for Heroes'.

Gavin Davies,
Penmark

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Reduction in bus service will hit local pensioners

AS a representative of one of the residents' associations in Penarth, I am writing to express local people's grave concerns about the proposed reductions in the Number 93 bus service.

This service currently runs every half hour between Cardiff and Barry (and back) and is the only Cardiff bus service that covers some parts of Penarth and Dinas Powys.

As a regular user of this service, I can confirm that this is generally a busy service and particularly busy at school-leaving time.

The proposed reduction to a one-hourly service will not only cause a measure of inconvenience, but will certainly result in over-full buses, leaving passengers to wait over an hour for the next bus.

Within the Penarth and Dinas Powys areas covered by the service, there is a large number of mature residents who rely on the service. The idea of pensioners standing at a bus stop for over an hour on a cold, wet winter's day does not bear thinking about.

No doubt Cardiff Bus will claim that the present level of service is not financially viable.

All I can say is that I am glad I am not a regular passenger, on what is a financially viable service, to hear – *"Sorry, bus is full..."Sorry, standing room only!"*

Jim McKernan,
Penarth

'Congratulations to new school' – says town Mayor

THE Mayoress and I were given a conducted tour of the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School by the head boy, Sam Morgan, before the sports presentation evening last Thursday, September 23.

It more than confirmed everything we read in your report on page 17 of The GEM issued that morning.

As Mayor, I hope you will allow me, on behalf of the town Council and I am sure the whole community, to use your columns to publicly thank the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Welsh Assembly Government for providing the funding of the new school; the architects for the imaginative and innovative design; the contractors for delivering the buildings and grounds to time; and to all others concerned in any way with the project.

While writing, I should also like to congratulate the physical education staff and students for their remarkable achievements in so many different sports.

I was aware that Cowbridge Comprehensive School had a good reputation for its achievements in sports but, having attended the presentation evening, I now appreciate that the reputation extends beyond Wales to British and international events.

Perhaps we can look forward to an Olympic medal for a former student!

Coun L E Taylor,
Town Mayor

Putting people out of work does not help the economy

I CANNOT see how putting people out of work does anything for the economy.

The Government loses 20 per crent of their wages and has to pay out dole money.

The same thing happened when Mrs Thatcher took control – it's a Tory policy.

They should crack down on the banks and get our troops out of Afghanistan, where they are on a lost cause.

Stop pensions for anybody with £150,000plus in the bank; stop child benefits for those whose income is £50,000 and more. People in these brackets do not need any Government pay-outs.

Also, crackdown on NHS top brass, headteachers and any Government officials earning over £100,000.

I personally think that they are not worth £100,000, and I see over 200,000 people are in danger of losing their homes – just like in the Thatcher years.

(Name and address supplied)

'Right to speak out'

WELL done to Mr Anthony Williams, chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Football League, for speaking out about the Vale Council's spending policies.

We in Cowbridge suffer from a lack of sporting facilities for our children. We do not even have a local football pitch. The local home pitches for Cowbridge junior and mini football are Corntown and St Brides Major – not exactly local.

Perhaps it is time for the council to prioritise their spending policy and concentrate more on providing facilities for the children of Cowbridge and the rural Vale.

Mrs Margaret Lowe,
Llanblethian

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
30 Thur	10.59	8.5	23.28	8.1
01 Fri	11.58	8.0		
02 Sat	00.41	7.6	13.19	7.8
03 Sun	02.14	7.6	14.53	7.9
04 Mon	03.45	8.0	16.09	8.6
05 Tues	04.47	8.8	17.12	9.1
06 Wed	05.38	9.5	18.05	10.1
07 Thur	06.28	10.2	18.51	10.5

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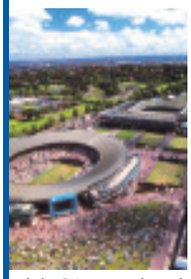

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REPLICA STOCKS ATTRACT 200 VISITORS TO MUSEUM

ON Saturday, approximately 200 visitors crowded into Cowbridge museum and the mayor's parlour when replica stocks were placed on display in the council chamber.

Vale MP Alun Cairns (centre right) was among others, including councillors, who tried out the stocks.

"There is no doubt that many people would pay to see some politicians in the stocks. Thankfully, their use isn't permitted any more!" the MP remarked.

Other items on display, to mark National Heritage Day included the town council's 18th century mace and historical papers.

The old prison cells were opened to display cabinets highlighting important historical highlights of the building and of the town.

This coming Saturday (October 2) the stocks will again be on display and the museum will be open as normal.

Vale Council denies computers cutback at the town library

THE refurbishment currently taking place at Cowbridge Library will not lead to a reduction in the number of computers available, the Vale Council insists.

The GEM was contacted by a Cowbridge resident who said that, after the library had been closed for a week, he had arrived to use the computers – to find that there were only two available for adults.

He added that he was now going to Cardiff, where there was a better service.

However, responding for the Vale Council, the chief librarian, Sian Jones, said:

"The planned refurbishment of the library is under way and the service is working at a reduced level, due to the restricted space available.

"Every effort is being made to provide as full a service as possible, and to minimise the effect on customers, while ensuring that a service is maintained throughout most of the building works."

She said that there were four computers available during this period, and anyone wanting to book one could do so in the usual way.

The computers would be shared by adults and children outside school hours.

She continued: "The refurbished library will be completed around the New Year, and will provide a much-improved environment and new facilities.

"These will include a separate computer suite to provide users with a quieter space in which to work than was the case before.

"It will also cater better for computer-based classes in the library."

Cowbridge Mayor's coffee morning

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will be holding a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour this Saturday, October 2 and look forward to serving the public with coffee or tea and home-made cake for the bargain price of £2 ("or more if you wish!")

It is in aid of their chosen charity – 'Cowbridge Comp 2010'.

"While enjoying refreshments, you will have the opportunity to review the replica stocks in the council chamber before they are dismantled and returned to storage," the Mayor said.

A Cowbridge year-7 pupil will be performing on the harp from 11am onwards.

VALE AM'S SURGERY

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on October 2 at the Town Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, from 10am-12noon. No appointment necessary.

For more information, call the constituency office on 01446 740981.

Cowbridge Art Society events

ON October 7 at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes back Gwyn Petty who will be giving a talk on 'The Life and work of Christopher Williams'. Non-members welcome.

On October 9 from 10am-4pm in Llanblethian Church Hall, Pat Webb will be returning to lead another workshop in painting miniatures.

Details from 01446 77535 or 01656 860095. Non-members may also attend.

Floral inspirations

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will hold a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 6 at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Toni Smith will give a demonstration entitled 'Inspirations'.

Plans for a 'forest garden' in St Hilary

PEOPLE in the St Hilary area are being invited to join a community garden project in Coed Hills.

The first meeting of the Coed Hills Forest Garden community project. will take place on Saturday, October 9, starting at 10.30am.

The aim is to "develop a beautiful garden into a community resource to be enjoyed for decades to come".

In the morning, there will be a discussion about the project, and lunch will be at 1pm. (Bring food to share with the group, or your own packed lunch).

After lunch, the group will look at the Forest Garden, so suitable clothes and footwear are needed.

Anyone interested is welcome to go along for any part or all of the day. For more information, telephone 01446 774084.

HAPPY 39th BIRTHDAY TO OFFICER IAN!

Pictured right is RAF officer Ian Bratchley, whose family live in Cowbridge and who celebrates his 39th birthday this week, not 49 as stated in our last issue. Many apologies and a very Happy Birthday!

New shop will boost charity

TOMORROW (Friday, October 1) Happy Days, Cowbridge's newest shop will celebrate its opening by raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The store will be donating 10 per cent of sales on the day and takings from the sale of tea and cake in their traditional tea rooms to the charity.

There will also be a chance to meet some of the 16 artists, restorers, makers, bakers and growers from the artisan market and there will be demonstrations of their work.

Happy Days has taken over the old Omnia pine store in Church Street. Its stock is made up of vintage, reused and recycled items, or those hand-made, hand-restored or hand-grown by local people.

"We could have had a glamorous launch party, but we wanted to do something different," said Happy Days' owners Nicole Burnett and Sarah Legg.

"It seemed only right that we celebrate our opening with our everyday customers, while supporting a very worthwhile cause".

News from Cowbridge Rotary Club

COWBRIDGE Rotary Club's monthly car boot sale went from strength-to-strength this summer, culminating in record entrants in September.

The organisers are happy to report that from the last six car boot sales, a total amount of £2,980 has been collected.

The Rotary Club wishes to thank everyone who has taken part and generously donated towards Rotary charities.

In the picture (above) are Rotarians Arthur Robins and David Morgan (man in the middle chief car boot marshal Llew Jones).

A most enjoyable ABBA fundraising evening was held last Saturday at the Cowbridge Town Hall.

The artist was Maria Lyn, who was most entertaining and professional.

The amount raised was £1,200 which will also go to Rotary charities.

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PENLLYNE NFU LADIES' NEWS

Group visit Abbey Cwm Hir Hall

THE NFU Ladies met again for the start of the autumn season on September 21 with a delightful demonstration by Valerie Scott on Clarins make-up.

She waived her fee in favour of a charity of members' choice.

The raffle was won by Margaret Phillips.

The ladies meet every third Tuesday of the month at Penllyne Village Hall at 7.30pm – all ladies are welcome.

The group finished the spring season with a wonderful trip to Abbey Cwm Hir Hall and now plan a trip to Westernbirt Arboretum on October 12.

Anyone interested should ring Jan on 760478 or Mary on 773421.

Moving tales of forgotten heroes

MEMBERS recently met up with visitors from their cross-country link, Penrice and Nicholson WI from the Gower, for an entertaining and informative guided tour of Fonmon Castle, tracing its history up to the modern day.

The tour was followed by an invitation to explore the grounds of the castle. Members were also invited to help themselves to the produce from the kitchen gardens!

This month's meeting was held at St Hilary Village Hall on

ST HILARY WI NEWS

September 12 when president, Betty Thomas, welcomed their guest, county chairman, Pam Dinham.

Committee member, Molly Ranger will be representing St. Hilary at the WI Real Jam Festival at Denman College in November. She hopes to be submitting both strawberry and wild cherry jams.

It is intended to arrange a visit to the Waitrose supermarket on November 23 for a guided tour and a pre-Christmas review of their products.

After business was completed, the guest speaker, Dr Jonathan Hicks, was introduced by Betty Thomas. Dr Hicks is the headteacher of St Cyres Comprehensive School in Penarth and has a great interest in the history of Barry.

His talk was based on his book Barry and the Great War.

It transpired that his grandfather died in the 1930s as a result of being gassed in the First World War. Dr Hicks went on to say that he would be concentrating on personal stories rather than on the battles and that is exactly what he did.

He told some incredible and hair-raising stories about Barry men, who would have been long forgotten had it not been for Dr Hicks' painstaking research. This is especially true when it comes to the 74 men who were not included on the War Memorial, because their names were not passed on when councils merged many years ago.

Due to Dr Hick's successful investigation, this omission has been rectified. A thoroughly interesting talk was ended with a photo of the Barry man who was shot down by the infamous Red Baron.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Margaret Jones and the evening was concluded with the usual sumptuous supper provide by Ray Evans and Jenny Hughes.

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'A POSSIBLE 180 VEHICLES PER DAY THROUGH THE VILLAGE IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE'

Vale meeting is packed as local people consider plans for waste disposal

MORE than 120 people from the Vale packed into a public meeting held at St Tydfil's Church, Llysworney, on Monday evening to discuss three separate private waste management planning applications that have been made close to Llandow.

The meeting was called by the Llandow Community Council and the local MP, Alun Cairns.

Residents attending the meeting from across the western Vale were concerned about the environmental impact of waste and an increase in the use of local highways.

Mr Cairns told The GEM: "The meeting was naturally concerned about highway issues. The significant increase in the number of HGVs is alarming, as is the lack of information contained in each of the applications.

"There are questions over the change of nature of this part of the Vale, and of our aspirations for the area. I don't want the Vale to become a waste management centre for south Wales.

"The impact of increased traffic through Llysworney and Sutton Road, with up to a possible additional 180 vehicles per day through the village, is simply unacceptable.

"It's just not environmental or sustainable to transport waste over large distances from places like Newport or Carmarthen into the Vale.

"One person at the meeting highlighted the impact that 60 HGVs travelling past his house would have on his family and young children as they live on a country road where there is no traffic at the moment.

"It's important that people object using relevant planning reasons such as the impact on the already inadequate highways, the change of nature of the immediate locality, and the proximity principles of the site."

Mr Cairns added that people can find out how to register their concerns and more about the applications at www.aluncairns.com.

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru's Assembly candidate for the Vale, has called for close scrutiny of the waste disposal plans.

"The plans must meet several strict criteria. Firstly, they must be in keeping with the character of the western Vale.

"That means that they should not add significant amounts of heavy traffic to single track roads, or be clearly visible or audible from miles around.

"Secondly, they must use technology that is an improvement on that which is currently in use.

"If we are serious about 'greening' our economy then we must look at long-term plans for waste disposal which will see us recycle and re-use what we throw away."

He said best environmental practice was essential.

"We must choose the correct technology for doing this, as picking the wrong method will trap us into wasteful practices and prevent better greener and long-term cheaper technology from succeeding.

"The Vale must scrutinise these plans closely to ensure the best results for local people and local job-creating industries."

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, said she was very concerned at the high levels of traffic that might be generated if applications were accepted.

"I recognise the value of recycling to reduce the amount put in land-fill but these proposals, if approved, would generate far more heavy goods vehicles than is accessing sites at present.

"I am particularly concerned about the detrimental impact the extra heavy traffic will cause as it passes through Vale villages such as Llysworney.

"For this reason I have raised my concerns about these planning applications in support of local communities," she added.

Vale Doctor's epic cycle ride to help grant a wish for sick children

A BARRY woman doctor is taking a 4,500-mile cycle ride from Norway to Sicily – to raise money for Starlight Children's Foundation, the charity for children with serious and terminal illnesses.

Taking up the arduous challenge with two friends, Alice Williams and Philippa Colby, Hazel Learner (26) is cycling from the northernmost point of Norway to the southernmost point of Sicily – a staggering 4,500 miles that the trio hope to cover within just three months.

They are following the Eurovelo route 7 and are carrying all their own equipment, including tents and stoves, doing their own repairs, and have no support vehicles or guides.

Already, the intrepid trio have covered more than half the distance.

Hazel, a doctor when she's not on her bike, said of the challenge: "We've done 2,000 miles in five weeks and are still feeling good. We've seen an amazing array of scenery from the mountains in Norway to the Berlin wall and I'm looking forward to crossing the Alps into Italy!

"As a doctor, I have worked closely with sick children and, by giving them some much-needed fun and distraction through either hospital entertainment or once in a life time wishes, they are much more likely to respond positively to treatment.

"The work that Starlight does for poorly children across the UK is really valuable and we are proud to support the charity through this challenge."

ABOVE: Hazel, Alice and Phillipa.

Hazel, Alice and Philippa are hoping to raise £1 for Starlight for every one of the 4,500 miles cycled on the gruelling journey.

The money that they raise will help provide fun and distraction for poorly children across the United Kingdom, including eight sick children in the Vale of Glamorgan who are currently hoping to have their wishes granted by Starlight.

If you would like to make a donation, you can sponsor Hazel and friends at: www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/cyclingsandwichladies.

Farthings site to re-open as 'The Quarter Penny Cafe'

POPULAR Cowbridge restaurant, Farthings, is being 'reborn' by the former owner, exactly a year after she sold the original business.

Natalie Isaac will return to 54 High Street, Cowbridge to open The Quarter Penny Café on October 4, 2010.

"Having owned Farthings for nine years, she sold the business in October 2009, to pursue new opportunities and ventures. However the Cardiff-based company that took it over went into liquidation after only nine months of trading, making all the staff redundant," a spokesperson explained.

Natalie and husband Justin say they aim to provide a "cosy, friendly eating and meeting place for customers old and new".

It will be open daily from 8.30 am to 5pm, and will offer an all embracing menu with light bites, drinks, children's meals and a choice of hearty main courses, daily specials and delicious home-made desserts.

Natalie commented: "Farthings was a Cowbridge institution and I was devastated for staff, customers and the town when it was forced to shut earlier this year. Many felt that the former owners tried to change too much of what made Farthings successful, and they lost lots of the restaurant's loyal customers along the way.

"After realising how much the people of the Vale missed Farthings, my husband and I decided to resurrect the popular restaurant venue, with a new venture.

"Our emphasis will be on providing unfussy, home-cooked food in a welcoming environment where you can escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan Primary

JANE HUTT (Assembly minister for business and budget) was a welcome guest at the school on Friday, September 24.

It was much appreciated by headteacher Mary Noyes and our Vale representative was surprised by the views across the open countryside visible from the school.

The headteacher explained the problem the school is experiencing with parking outside it..

The land is available, but the school needs the funds for the necessary work to be carried out. The AM promised to see what help she could get for this important issue.

Thanksgiving

ONCE again, this year's service of harvest thanksgiving at St Mary Hill Church was well attended.

Following the service, many local inhabitants made their way to the village hall for the harvest supper. A big thank you to Mary and Gareth Lloyd and all those involved in making this annual event so enjoyable.

Community council

IMPORTANT issues will be disclosed by the Llangan Community council which would affect the village of Treoes. Watch this space!

Postcards from Luigi!

HAVE you seen Luigi? He was 'kidnapped' from the Star Inn, Treoes, during the recent beer festival.

Luigi is only 4ft tall and very fragile, being made of papier maché. Since being lured away from his Star home, he has travelled to many interesting places around the world – including Toronto in Canada.

Trish at the Star has received postcards from the places Luigi has visited and everyone would like the people who took him to bring him back to Treoes.

Trish and Clive are offering a reward of a case of Budweiser beer for his safe return!

Pictures of Luigi's travels can be seen on his Facebook page.

Trish has also promised a get-together for the older generation in the village when Luigi is safely back home in the Star.

End of season bowling fun

WITH the outdoor season coming to an end, Cowbridge bowlers had a 'fun day' with 17 pairs, mainly mixed, playing in a round-robin of four groups with the winner of each going through to a semi-final.

There was a good mix of bowlers, including nine new players, three of which (with their partners) reached the semi-final stage.

In a round-robin, the group winners, Dorothy Pritchard and Ron Woolford, who played Thelma Jones and Ron Frayling, won through to the final. They beat Gerwyn Watkins and Helena Snelling, who had beaten Vivienne Roberts and Byron Richards in the other semi-final.

Thanks must go to Sue Flower and all her ladies who provided the food.

In the last game of the season, the men's captain's day, captain Norman Wilkinson beat the vice-captain (Dennis Snelling) on all three rinks by 50 shots to 35.

Norman's rink of Danny Powell, Alan Wallace and Colin Wilson beat Dennis' rink of Charles Sanders, Rob Lewis and Brian Williams by 20-10.

Other rink scores: John Jones' rink beat Mike Bradley's rink 14-13; and Byron Richards' rink beat Len Taylor's rink 16-12.

Now we all go indoors at Sully or Bridgend!

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'Assembly costs far too much'

IN answer to the recent GEM report by Tim Chapman, I think that the Welsh Assembly is costing far too much and there is nothing left for education or health in Wales.

The sooner they scrap it and we are governed by Westminster, instead of the WAG and the EU, the better.

P M Brown,
Cowbridge.

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'Flying Vet' claims South Wales Police were out to get him

Report by AJ SICLUNA

JUDGEMENT in part of the case at Cardiff County Court in which Vale 'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk is suing South Wales Police will be given on October 11.

Last week, the hearing of evidence in the case was adjourned because Mr Kirk was suffering from a severe hip condition which was causing such pain that he had to take morphine.

Mr Kirk (65) who has addresses in Barry and Brittany, has claimed a conspiracy has existed against him for many years.

Lloyd Williams QC, who represents South Wales Police, who deny the allegations, has argued for four days that there is no basis in law for Mr Kirk's allegations to be heard by the court.

Earlier this week, Mr Kirk appeared and said that because of his health he was not in a fit state to argue certain aspects of the case.

Judge Anthony Seys-Llewellyn said the court had "bent over backwards" to help Mr Kirk with his difficulties and he wished the case to progress.

It was claimed by Mr Kirk that there had been the deliberate withholding of incident numbers concerning him by the police.

"They have conspired to get Kirk," he said.

He also claimed that covert surveillance was set up by the police because they alleged he was a threat.

There had also been mismanagement and the withholding of disclosure information, the court was told.

"I have served everything I have got to the other side." He added: "I am anxious to get this case out of this building and to the Court of Appeal." He left the court room after 30 minutes.

Lloyd Williams said: "This matter has to be resolved soon and a line has to be drawn under the case."

Mr Williams said that whenever Mr Kirk had been in court in the past he had always raised the issue of conspiracy.

"That has always been put before the courts and it has always been considered," he said.

The judge said that the preparation of his judgement would take some time to assemble because there was such a large amount of material involved.

Earlier in the hearing, it was estimated that if evidence had been called it would have lasted up to 10 weeks with costs of £800,000.

NCT CHARITY EVENT

THE NCT Vale and Valleys branch is holding a children's disco on Saturday, October 16 at Cowbridge Leisure Centre from 10am-12noon (£2.50/child or £5/family, tickets on door).

There will be 'decorate a gingerbread man', face painting, balloons, sweets, lucky dip, fancy dress and other competitions.

Stalls for Christmas shopping: books, toys, cards, chocolates. Everyone welcome.

Pupils and mothers in union to raise funds

THE children of St. Brides School welcomed their families and members of the Mothers' Union to school on Friday, September 24 for the Macmillan coffee morning.

The school choir entertained beautifully throughout the morning, bringing a tear to the eye of those who were there.

Delicious cakes were donated by parents and the Mothers' Union organised a cake stall which raised £73.

The school are delighted to have raised a total of £272.68 for Macmillan and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR
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A COMMUNITY council meeting was held at the church hall on September 13.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr N White (club treasurer) of the Penybont Surf Lifesaving Club to speak about the plans for the club to apply for a Lottery grant in order to reinstate the slipway on the Ogmore Beach and make improvements to the club's premises.

The club were not asking for financial support from the Community Council, but seeking support to demonstrate that the facilities would be used by the community.

After re-convening the meeting, the chairman declared that the council would support the proposal to re-instate the slipway and the improvement to the Surf Lifesaving Building.

FRIENDS of the Heritage Coast held their open day on September 19, to launch the electronic education facilities now available at the centre.

The day was well attended by people who have been supporting the project, including the deputy Major of Llantwit Major, EN Power manager, Wick community council, and St Athan community council.

A HARVEST thanksgiving service was held at ALL Saints, Southerndown, on September 19, when all the 'good old' harvest hymns were sung with gusto by the congregation.

This service was followed by refreshments. Contributions were given instead of material goods to the Bridgend Foodbank which is run by the Bridgend churches.

IF you were strolling around recently in the area of St Brides major/Southerndown, you might have been one of the lucky people who viewed the stunning array of art and craft on view at the 'art and craft trail'.

Talented local artists and craftspeople came together to provide a really colourful and varied show to tempt all to buy an individual and original piece.

Willow work, woodwork, pottery, handmade knitwear, jewellery, glass artefacts, handmade cards and toys were all on display.

There were also many modern pieces of art together, with paintings and photographs of the area.

The exhibition was free to exhibitors and public alike, but the exhibitors and some artists who were unable to attend the event in person very kindly gave a piece of their work, which were auctioned at St Brides Major church hall.

The auctioneer was Mr Tony Newton, who conducted the evening in inimitable style.

The proceeds went to help with extension and refurbishment of the church hall, which was recently completed and provision of disabled access facilities at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

Thanks to all concerned for their efforts. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Llandow village hosts first-ever food festival...

REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS by ANITA HOOLE

LLANDOW hosted its first-ever food festival combined with a 'walking treasure hunt'.

Villagers contributed home-grown produce, including some exotics such as meddlars and quinces. Visitors also provided stalls contributing to the variety of very tasty fare on offer.

The treasure hunt, although only covering a small distance in the village, provided several hours of family fun and keen competition.

Llandow village hall is shortly to undergo a major refurbishment, thanks to the dedication of villagers in pursuing grants, as well as the regular fund raising events.

It is hoped that when the work is completed it will raise the profile of the village hall.

CAOS countdown to Mikado

COWBRIDGE Amateur Operatic Society presents *The Mikado* in the Town Hall on October 8-9.

Supported by well established soloists, newcomers are making their debut with CAOS, under the baton of Russ Sturgess.

Part of the proceeds will be donated to Cowbridge Comprehensive School of a new theatre.

Tickets £8, can be bought at Davies, Newsagents in Cowbridge or Chris Williams Optometrist, Llantwit Major, or ring the Box Office on 01446 772330.

ABOVE: Cast members face the camera as they start the countdown to the CAOS performance of The Mikado.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will hold a surgery on Saturday, October 2, at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major from 9.30am-11.30am.

No appointments necessary.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

Ystradowen 'Coffee & Chat' meeting is at the White Lion Public House on Tuesday, October 5 at 11.30am

St Brides Major PACT meeting is at St. Brides Church Hall on Wednesday, October 6 at 6pm.

For more information call Llantwit Major 01656 869447 or Cowbridge 01656 869450.

Toilets at The Butts can't be repaired, Town Council told

CONCERNS about the state of the public toilets in The Butts have been expressed by members of Cowbridge Town Council.

The council was told by the Vale Council that the former toilets cannot be repaired or refurbished because of their poor condition.

Providing public toilets at this location would require a new building which was not feasible at the moment because of the council's future funding problems.

But the Town Council was told that if it wished to pay for new toilets, the site could be transferred to them.

However, the Vale Council stated that the Welsh Assembly Government is keen to encourage the owners of commercial premises like pubs and restaurants to open up their toilets for public use to non-customers. They can be paid £500 if they are willing to do that.

The Vale Council hopes to work with the Town Council in encouraging the owners of suitable premises near the cattle market to join this initiative which could prove to be the solution to the lack of public conveniences at that end of town.

Coun Jon Harris said that the town council should point out that it remains concerned about the state of the old toilets on health and safety grounds and to ask the Vale to demolish them and clear the site as soon as possible.

This was agreed.

'Use tourism to boost Llantwit's economy'

MORE than 30 residents attended a public meeting called by regional AM Andrew RT Davies to discuss how Llantwit Major can benefit from European and Welsh Assembly Government funding.

The meeting was addressed by Coun Rhodri Traherne, Vale Council cabinet member for economic development and regeneration.

He outlined current funding procedures, before throwing the meeting open to suggestions from the audience.

Also present was Vale MP Alun Cairns and the Conservative candidate for the Vale at next year's assembly elections – Dr Angela Jones Evans.

Llantwit councillors were also present, including Couns Dave Lane, Russell Downe and Bob Gant.

Speaking after the meeting, Andrew RT Davies said that it was "fantastic" to see so many people there who were eager to contribute to a lively discussion.

Topics covered in the meeting included the upgrading of Llantwit Major beach to attract more tourists to the area, as well as the need for a designated pedestrian walkway.

Mr Davies said he would be working not only to promote Llantwit as a place to live and work, but also as a tourist destination.

"Llantwit has much to offer the south Wales region and we must work together to benefit from increased visitor numbers to Cardiff. We must use tourism as a way of creating better economic prosperity for the whole town."

Mr Cairns said he would be contacting Visit Wales, the organisation that replaced the Wales Tourist Board, and also the relevant minister at the Assembly.

"Llantwit is a prime location within the Vale with its rich cultural heritage going back to Celtic times.

"We have a jewel in Llantwit, which we have failed to properly exploit. It is a centre of Christianity, older than Lindisfarne, and pre-dates the work of St Columba.

"We need to attract new visitors to create wealth and jobs," he insisted.

Mr Cairns also spoke about the proposed Metrix scheme and said that while he had no idea what the government's decision would be following the strategic spending review and defence review now under way, he was ready to ensure that the community gained the maximum possible benefit if the go-ahead is given for the Defence Training College.

"We will co-ordinate a list of Metrix's requirements so that local people and, more crucially, local businesses can benefit.

"Opportunities must be given to the local community to supply Metrix's needs whenever possible." Mr Cairns added.

LEFT: some of those who attended the meeting line up for the camera.

Dinner ladies Shine in walk for charity

Left to right: Linda Thomas, Judy Thompson, Janet Beynon, Sophie Beynon and Lesley Johnson.

FIVE 'dinner ladies' from Llantwit Major who work at Atlantic College, recently took part in the Cardiff "Shine" charity walk through the night for Cancer Research UK.

The marathon walk in and around Cardiff raises vital funds for cancer research and also helps to increase the public awareness of the charity's work.

All five walked in memory of Jeff Burnett, whose wife Marilyn is a close friend and work colleague.

Jeff was well known in Llantwit Major but, unfortunately, died of cancer earlier this year.

The girls collectively raised more than £700 and wish to thank all those who sponsored them.

Llantwit Major Comprehensive's journey aims to be 'the very best'

LLANTWIT Major Comprehensive School celebrated the extraordinary talents of students this week, as part of the annual awards presentation evening, with guest of honour Jane Hutt AM.

During the annual address, Mrs Thomas, acting headteacher, reflected upon the key values and the direction of travel of the school, which saw students this year celebrating the best GCSE results ever achieved by the school!

Mrs Thomas commented: "Our fundamental belief here at the school is that people are our greatest asset.

"It is the people who spend their days here who make the school what it is – and it is what those people think and say and do – that is taking us along the journey of being a good school to being the very best of schools.

"We remain mindful that the ethos that each and every one of us creates is the true spirit of our current and future success.

"In addition to examination success, other successes that have served to make a fantastic year for the school include the achievement of the 'Green Flag' status for eco schools, partnership with a school in Indonesia, European recognition, acknowledging the innovative work in teaching and learning, being prize winner for the Vale in Bloom competition, in addition to the amazing 'whole school enterprise week'.

"Young people have continued to develop as successful learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens by making effective contributions to the life of the school and the wider community.

"They have taken opportunities to develop in the subjects they have studied, and have participated in wider achievement activities including work experience, sports leadership, student councils, field work, theatre visits, visits to Welsh Parliament, musical events, residential trips and by participating in the widely acclaimed school production *Les Miserables*".

Last year had also celebrated the acknowledgment by HMI Estyn that the school was making considerable progress since the last inspection, and highlighted among many of the strengths of the school, the fact that pupils are valued as individuals.

"The school continues to be heavily involved in sport, and testimony to this is the fact that the PE department has its own awards ceremony to celebrate excellence in sport next week."

Mrs Thomas closed the annual address by saying: "I must emphasise to you all tonight that I find the school in robust good health with many strong features.

"I am convinced that we are building the foundations of a very strong school, and that the reputation of the school is spreading.

"This school is vibrant, ambitious, forward thinking and imaginative in all that it does."

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all, including Jane Hutt AM, who commented on the remarkable achievement of the students and that they were a credit to the school.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Potential solutions to poor broadband provision in Vale...

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

REGULAR readers will be aware that I have raised the lack of broadband across the Vale of Glamorgan on several occasions.

The response to the campaign was remarkable. It is clear that the provision of broadband and the lack of speed is a concern across the rural Vale, as well as in Barry.

I received a significant number of e-mails and letters of individual cases highlighting their specific cases, some explaining the impact it is having on their business, or on members of their family.

As a result, a short time ago, I took each individual case to BT Openreach, the part of BT that is responsible for the network, irrespective of who your provider is.

Although I am still awaiting the full breakdown from BT of their response to every reason, it is obvious that there are some common themes and some possible options for redress.

The most obvious solution is a better network of fibre. This will obviously cost most money and I am waiting for Jeremy Hunt's plans to use the former BBC Digital Switchover fund.

In the interim, however, there are some solutions available.

There is a Broadband Support Scheme available, which can pay a grant up to £1,000 per household. If your property is simply too far from the Exchange, then satellite broadband is an option. This grant can pay towards the set up costs.

A new technology, BET (Broadband Enabling Technology) is another option. It can extend the range of broadband from the six kilometre limit to 12 kilometres and could be the answer to many homes across the Vale that have not got any form of coverage.

There are limitations, but at least it can offer a short-term fix. There is a need for a number of properties to want to sign up to this technology, but this, along with Support Grant, could be possible for some people.

I have also tried an inexpensive piece of equipment (around £15) the I-plate and noted marginal improvement. Again, this can add a little speed and reliability.

All in all, there are some options – although I don't want to overstate their merits. For us to receive the technology capacity we need, I have lobbied WAG to ensure that any EU funding available for Broadband also benefits the Vale.

Until now, they have prioritised the Valleys and other communities. I have said that shortage of bandwidth and demand across the Vale is potentially holding us back economically. It is not only Labour heartlands that need support.

If you have sent me details of your case, I will get BT Openreach to establish the best way forward for your circumstances. If you haven't been in touch and have a problem, please get in touch either by calling the constituency office on 01446 403814 or online at www.aluncairns.com <http://www.aluncairns.com> where I'd urge you to click on the link to complete the form and register with the 'broadband not spot' programme, which is submitted to the telecommunications provider.

90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ROBBED IN PENARTH

POLICE investigating a distraction burglary involving a 90-year-old resident in the Penarth area at about 5.30pm on Monday September 20, want to speak to a potential witness seen in the area at the time.

They said that shortly after the 90- year-old lady arrived at her home in Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth, a man knocked on her door. She let him in and they engaged in conversation before he left a short time later and walked in the direction of Redlands Road.

Shortly afterwards, the victim realised a quantity of cash had been stolen from her handbag and the rooms upstairs had been searched, police reported.

The man is described as white, in his 20s, slightly tanned, with a round face. He was wearing a dark, possibly navy pullover, jeans, and a woolly hat pulled down to his eyebrows.

The potential witness was seen on CCTV riding his bike in the area shortly before the incident and later rode off towards the town centre and through the Dingle train station in Penarth.

Officers emphasised that he is not wanted in connection to the crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Lee Davies of Barry CID on 01656 655555 ext. 32427, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Barry WI meetings resume

BARRY WI held their usual meetings this month, following the August break.

September 21 was games night, followed by a buffet to celebrate Peggy Taylor's 90th birthday.

Peggy brought a birthday cake and the ladies sang 'Happy Birthday' to her.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Peggy by president June Davies.

Next month will be the annual meeting.

Further details from secretary 01446 410139.

Rhoose surgery

COUNCILLORS Jeff James and Gordon Kemp are holding an advice surgery on Saturday, October 2 at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose from 10am-noon and no appointment is necessary.

Latest Vale bridge results

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club met on Monday, September 20 and the results were:

1st, Vida Halford and Glan Williams 65.15 per cent; 2nd, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 63.54; 3rd, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 60.61; 4th, Teri Pollard and David Wright 57.58; 5th, Joan Bird and Muriel Maslin 55.68; 6th, Pat and Brian Swain 53.79.

The AGM was held followed by a 'party bridge' event. Among the winners were Amy Owen, Luba Ashworth and Pam Higgs.

Brian Swain

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Cottrell golfers take league title

Cottrell Park Golf Club's Wayfarers Society

THE Wayfarers Society at Cottrell Park Golf Club is celebrating after becoming champions of their division for 2010, and gaining promotion to the premier division for the 2011 season.

After a tense finale to the 12-match season, Cottrell Park finally beat Cradoc Golf Club by the narrowest of margins. The Wayfarers team is restricted to players with a handicap between 10 and 17. Teams of 10 play in five pairs and matches are played in divisions of seven teams from clubs spread over a radius of up to 50 miles.

The Cottrell Wayfarers captain Don Hillcoat, said: "Early on in the season, you would have got very long odds on this happening, because we did not start well. But it turned out to be a season of two halves, and since the last week of July, the guys were magnificent and hardly dropped a point.

"It is the first time Cottrell has made it to the top level in the Wayfarers league and we are all really looking forward to doing battle with the other teams next year in the Premier league, who will include our neighbours at the Vale of Glamorgan Club."

The team is celebrating with a weekend tour to the illustrious Belfry Club near Birmingham.

Don added: "The camaraderie at Cottrell Park is superb. We have a very enthusiastic and friendly Wayfarers section, with more than 30 registered players."

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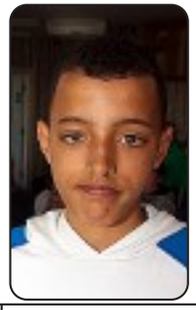
AS reported last week, the Sea View Lads Angling Club was fortunate enough to have fine weather for its annual competition, the 10th in its history!

The great thing is that every youngster who took part received a prize.



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Late, late tries sink Barry's Sea View RFC

SATURDAY saw a return to league action for Sea View RFC.

After last week's cancelled games due to no opposition, this week's second team game was cancelled due to no referee. Any ex-players wanting to take up the whistle should see our website for details.

The first team travelled to Whitchurch and went behind to an early penalty, before taking the lead through a Ben Cotter try close to the end of the half.

In the second half, the View lineout benefited from the return of Chris Hann, and jumpers Joe Matum and Rhys McAloon were able to secure plenty of clean ball.

The front row had a tough game but props Griffiths and Bowditch coped admirably. Midway through the half both were replaced by Willo Williams and Trev Huelin, although a dislocated finger for Heulin saw Griffith return late on.

In the back row, Lewis Collier, promoted from the Seconds, had a superb game, and Leon Ford and Jon Blake both also played well.

Nemo Cotter had a good game at scrum-half, and half-back partner Jaffa Braithwaite extended the lead with a superbly taken drop goal.

Centres Reth Davies and Chrissy Brown, wings Ben Cotter, Danny Morris and full-back Rob Morgan all looked good in defence and attack.

Unfortunately, Whitchurch decided to spoil the party, scoring two late tries to give them victory.

This Saturday sees a home league fixture for the Seconds against Cowbridge. (Kick-off 2.30pm). Everybody welcome!

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Club's 'amazing' £1,135 for Macmillan charity

PETER Davis, chairman of the Vale branch of Macmillan Cancer Support, was "thrilled" to visit the Railwaymen's Club in Barry recently where he met Lorraine Whitlock, manager of the club.

Lorraine has kept collecting tins for Macmillan since August 2007 and to date has raised the amazing amount of £1,135.60.

Lorraine said that Macmillan were a terrific charity and that she was really pleased with the amount raised so far.

Peter Davis said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to Lorraine and all the staff and customers of the Railwaymen's Club in Barry. To raise this amount of money in collecting boxes is truly magnificent.

"Macmillan Cancer Support provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support to local people and their families affected by cancer. At the present time, 108,000 people are living with cancer in Wales and with the help of the Railwaymen's Club, Macmillan will be able to make a difference between a good day and a bad day for more of those people".

Fibromyalgia Support

THE Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group'S monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12.

Please contact group leader Barbara Clissett on 0845 345 5813 for further details. Calls are charged at standard rate

HISTORY TALK

ON Tuesday, October 12 at 6.45pm, Dinas Powys Local History Society will be holding its AGM, followed at 7.30pm by Mr Ron Powell, who will give a talk and show slides on the 'Charge of the Light Brigade' in the Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys.

An administrative fee of £1.50 will be charged at the door for non-members and £1 for members, to cover running expenses. All welcome.

For further information, contact Jan Gray on 01446 701273.

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Doubts raised about scale of MoD college

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Metrix Consortium has reaffirmed its confidence in the future of the Defence Technical College at St Athan, despite the government defence spending review which is due to be carried out in October.

The scale of the project was called into question last weekend when General Sir Richard Dannatt commented on BBC Wales that although the scheme was likely to go ahead, it might not be of a size to bring 5,000 jobs, adding: "Maybe it won't be as large, maybe it won't be quite as ambitious..."

Metrix told The GEM that it was inappropriate to respond to General Dannatt's comments, but its spokesman Christopher Moseley pointed out: "Technical training for the UK armed forces will still be required in some form, whatever the outcome of the strategic defence and security review.

"The Metrix proposal for training, which will be conducted at the MoD's Defence Technical College in St Athan, drives forward a number of key efficiencies and delivers a level of responsiveness to change, which cannot be matched by the current training capability."

Mr Moseley said that the St Athan scheme also had a significant operational benefit.

"One principal benefit of the Metrix proposal will be that some 1,200 sailors, soldiers and airmen will be able to return to operational duties. It would, therefore, be illogical for the MoD not to embrace these obvious benefits."

With a full Vale Council meeting due to be held as the GEM was going to press yesterday (September 29) local councillors pledged to raise the issue of the academy's future.

Independent Vale councillor, Richard Bertin, said he was concerned about the implications if the project failed to get the go-ahead.

He warned: "The proposed development, which is the biggest ever single investment project in Wales, could be ruled out by the Conservatives, when they conduct their defence spending review at the end of October.

"It is considered that the St Athan Defence Academy would bring thousands of jobs to the area and would be a massive boost to the local economy and Wales."

Coun Bertin, who once worked at St. Athan and represents the Court ward in Barry, went on: "If the Tories suddenly pull the plug on this project, it would be a huge blow for the local area.

"To put a stop to this project would have a devastating impact on the community at a time when we don't need it!"

Coun Bertin said he was particularly fearful because the MoD was being asked to find at least 20 per cent of savings in its budget and that St Athan could be part of the process.

Coun Bertin said he would be asking the Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp what the council and the Tory group were doing to ensure the project is delivered to the area.

Labour's Coun Rob Curtis also said he would be asking the Vale Council leader for an update on the future of the St Athan academy.

He said that if recent speculation was correct – that the defence academy might not go ahead – it would have serious consequences.

He explained: "If these rumours are true, then this single cut would be a major blow to the economic prospects of not just the Vale, but the whole of south Wales."

The Vale's Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, stated that he was continuing to champion the scheme and warned people not to prejudge what the government would decide to do.

"Clearly, there is considerable speculation about the impact of the comprehensive spending review.

"I think it is fair to say that even the MoD don't yet know their budget, so it is impossible to say what the outcome of specific projects is."

He went on: "Similarly, the strategic defence and security review that will decide the make-up of the armed forces won't be agreed until December.

"Naturally, I am doing all I can to support the project and to influence changes to benefit the local community. Only this week, I was involved in another meeting championing the case to government Ministers."

Cannabis found in drier

A mother of two has been sentenced to a community order which involves a supervision order for 18 months, after cannabis was found hidden in a tumble drier at her address, *writes Tony Sicluna.*

Leanne Walters (24) of Barry admitted allowing premises to be used for the supply of cannabis and possessing diazapam.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said police went to her home on January 8 and saw four youths making off from the back.

A search revealed 17 wraps of cannabis in the tumble drier.

When arrested, she admitted knowing drugs were being sold from the premises.

The court was told one of the youths was later arrested and admitted the cannabis was his.

Walters' mobile phone was examined and on it were three messages indicating she had arranged the sale of cannabis. Her counsel Tim Evans said: "Some dreadful things had happened to her in the past. She had been in tears discussing the case with me."

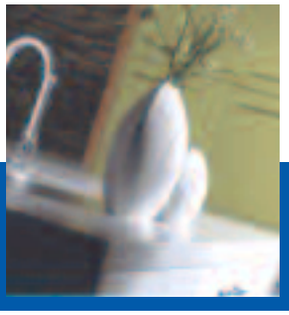
Judge Neil Bidder said: "You allowed the dealing of cannabis from your house. Others were obviously involved."

He said she made no financial gain and had been a long term sufferer from depression.

In brief

ST Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan will hold a harvest evensong at 7pm this Sunday, October 3, when the preacher will be Rev John Stacy-Marks, former director of the Amelia Trust. Everyone welcome.

The harvest supper is on Saturday, October 9 at 7.30pm in the village hall. For tickets (£10) telephone June Studley on 01446 781229.



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Court staff say farewell

FRIDAY, September 10 was a sad day for the Vale Magistrates @ Court at Barry when five long serving administrative left for pastures new, following reorganisation of the administrative staff in the Cardiff and Barry areas of the Court Service.

The team posed for a final picture and were given a reception and a farewell gifts by the very grateful Vale magistrates who had benefited from the team's efforts.

Picture by JEFF BAKER

WHO WILL GIVE CASPAR A HOME?

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre ***(Tel 01656 725219)***

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"He has come on a lot since being at the centre. His new owners will need to be prepared to give him time to settle into his new home and work with his handling issues."

Type of home needed: He needs an experienced owner and he's not suitable with children. He gets on well with other dogs and can live with a female dog. Anyone interested in adopting Casper will need to make a few visits to the centre to allow him time to get to know and trust them.

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is
Patricia Bevan-Morgan
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THE Ladies Thursday Club met at the school on September 23 when speaker Helen told of the history of Wick chapel, situated alongside The Green at Wick.

THE Harvest Concert took place on September 24 at St Bridget's Church with the Bridgend Male Voice Choir. the church was ideally suited for such an occasion.

THE Mothers' Union monthly corporate communion on September 24 was followed by a visit to the primary school to take part in the Macmillan Greatest Coffee Morning.

OGMORE Retired Residents Association meet at the Watermill today (Thursday) for the annual auction at 2pm.

THE new recycling leaflets have been distributed and it is pleasing to note that the green bag garden waste collection will go on until November 26. Green bags can be obtained from the library at Llantwit Major at £1 each.

A PACT meeting will be held at the church hall on Wednesday, October 6 at 6pm. Go along and make your observations and complaints. The local police are in attendance.

HARVEST Festival service at St Bridget's on September 26 was followed by the harvest parish lunch at the church hall with a wonderful array of food to offer.

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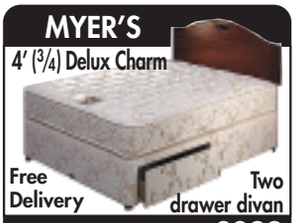
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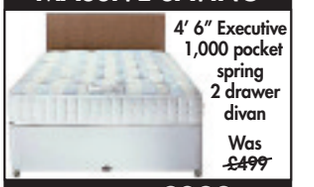
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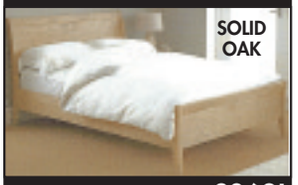
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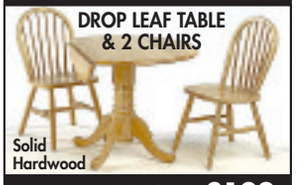
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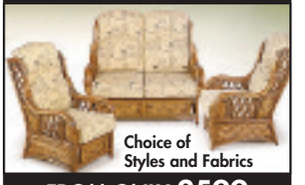
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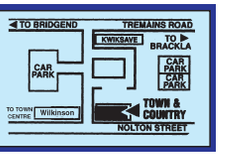

Penarth cyclists take in a bridge and follow the six mile 'Bay Trail'

ON Sunday, September 26, a six-mile charity bike ride took place, starting in Penarth, with dozens of enthusiastic cyclists taking part.

The event took in the newly opened Pont y Werin bridge and the 'Bay Trail', and was organised by the charity Sustrans in cooperation with the Vale and Cardiff Councils.

As can be seen from these pictures, GEM photographer GLYN EVANS captured people of all ages enjoying a great family day out in beautiful autumn conditions.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.
e-mail ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk or www.ffotoimage.co.uk

£1,245 raised for Macmillan charity at coffee morning

A SUCCESSFUL coffee morning was held at the Fox and Hound, Llancarfan last Friday, in aid of Macmillan Cancer.

Sue and her team of helpers – John, Steve, Julie, Claire, Fran, Jane and Emma – raised a staggering £1,245.

"Thank you to everyone who attended for their generosity and donations of cakes, bring and buy items and raffle prizes and to those who couldn't come on the day, thank you for your wonderful and very generous monetary gifts," Sue said.

"Macmillan nurses do a fantastic job and the organisation as a whole helps not only the victims of cancer, but their loved ones, too."

Pupils take time to think of others

THE first class assembly at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School this term was a harvest assembly, performed by year-4.

The children used drama, song, poetry and narrative to remind fellow pupils to give thanks for their homes and families, and for their enlarged school which is an exciting place to learn and grow.

They dramatised a harvest story about Maximus, the church mouse, and reminded their audience why it is important to give thanks for our daily food.

Remembering that harvest is a time for sharing, the children gathered up their display of fruit and presented a hamper to the elderly residents of nearby Gwenog Court, who were delighted to meet the youngsters.

Headteacher Richard Ware thanked year-4 and their teacher, Mr Ball, for a delightful assembly and for taking the time to think of others.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4222 ABERTHIN ROAD (PART) COWBRIDGE) (NO WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2010

On the 6th September 2010 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

The Order will come into operation on the 9th September 2010, or on the date the necessary signs / road markings are in place, whichever is the later. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order, or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the same, or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 30th September 2010 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE

Make New Order

Prohibition of Waiting at Anytime

A4222 Aberthin Road - On its north west side from a point 244 metres north east of its junction with The Paddock for a distance of approximately 480metres north east.

Revoke

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4222 Aberthin Road Cowbridge (Part)) (Prohibition of waiting at Anytime) Order 2004.

TRO 701

Dated this 30th day of September 2010

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2010 (DIWYGIEDIG) (GWAHARDD AROS AR UNRHYW ADEG) (RHAN O ABERTHIN ROAD (A4222) Y BONT-FAEN)

Ar 6 Medi 2010, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 1 a 2 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p_er galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol sydd wedi'u nodi isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 9 Medi 2010, neu os bydd yn rhaid aros nes y bydd yr arwyddion/marciau ffordd angenrheidiol wedi'u gosod, ar y dyddiad hwnnw. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dan sylw yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b_er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 30 Medi 2010 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN

Gwneud Gorchymyn Newydd

Gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg

Aberthin Road (A4222) – Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol rhwng man sy'n 244 medr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â The Paddock a man arall rhyw 480 medr ymhellach i'r gogledd ddwyrain'.

Dirymu

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2004 (Gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg) (Rhan o Aberthin Road (A4222), y Bont-faen).

TRO 701

Dyddiedig 30 Medi 2010

M. Punter,
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'Time to grab our share of Olympic spin-off business'

– says Vale MP Alun Cairns

THE Vale's MP has urged local companies to get their slice of the cake when Olympic contracts are dished out.

A total of £700 million worth of goods and services is up for grabs with the opportunities being publicised at an online web portal by the London organising committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

Mr Cairns, who had been in touch with the Department of Culture, Media & Sport to find out which companies based in the Vale had been contracted to participate in the operation of the London 2012 Olympics, explained: "LOCOG has advised me that no major contracts have yet been awarded in this procurement, but there is significant interest across the nations and regions in those tenders that have been placed on the online web portal'CompeteFor'.

"CompeteFor makes these opportunities accessible to companies in all parts of the UK, including Wales.

"I'm keen to urge businesses based within the Vale to apply for these contracts, as there's no reason why our excellent locally based service and product providers cannot compete effectively on a UK wide platform."

Mr Cairns said if local companies secured business it would boost local employment prospects.

"The depth and breadth of businesses based in the Vale should ensure that we can be successful in securing contracts for this high profile global event, promoting a positive image for the area and providing guaranteed work for those in the Vale."

Paul Haley, the director of strategic operations with south Wales based BHBi Consultancy, an internal audit training company in Cardiff with links to many local firms, said there could be the chance of gaining contracts as long as the process wasn't too onerous for small and medium sized businesses.

He explained: "It does present opportunities for organisations so long as the tender processes are not overly beaurocratic and thus unduly prohibitive against small businesses.

"Probably SMEs will need to look to sub contract in order to be involved."

Company directors who want to know about the opportunities available should visit www.competefor.com.

'Trusted' financial advisor defrauded his clients out of thousands of pounds

by AJ SICLUNA

A financial advisor with a leading insurance company defrauded some of his clients out of thousands of pounds, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Father of two, Matthew Holland (39) of Penarth, a man with no previous convictions, was regarded as a friend and was trusted by his clients, said prosecutor David Thomas.

Judge Neil Bidder sentenced him to 12 months imprisonment suspended for two years, made him subject to a supervision order for two years, and directed he carry out 300 hours unpaid work, after he pleaded guilty to four charges of fraud.

Said the judge: "You defrauded people who trusted you. They not only trusted you, they regarded you as a friend and this was a very serious breach of trust on them and your employers.

"The offences were committed, I am sure, when your work got on top of you. You are not very adept at paperwork and you ran up debts which you didn't manage very well. Your ability to service your debts became less and less."

He said the offences were committed as a result of panic when he couldn't face his debts and he acted utterly out of character.

Mr Thomas said that Holland received a cheque of £12,000 from Jennifer Lax to invest with the NFU Mutual. She signed the cheques but left out the name of the payee.

Holland then paid it into his own bank account and even sent her a forged letter from the company confirming the investment.

Carol Yates handed over a cheque for £50,000 to be invested and he again paid it into his own bank account.

Mr Thomas said Dr Betty Craig gave Holland a cheque for £30,000 but when the bank received it they became suspicious and realised something was wrong and Holland was told the cheque would not be honoured.

At one point he contacted Carol Yates and said he had done something "stupid".

All the money, said Mr Thomas, had been repaid after Holland took out a loan from a friend and even interest was being paid.

When arrested, Holland said he had been under financial pressure and had not intended keeping the money permanently.

Holland was said by his counsel David Purnell to have "committed a spectacular fall from grace".

He produced 19 character references.

"He has been very good at his work and was good at selling, but he lived beyond himself and spent more than he received."

Mr Purnell said that at one point he had considered ending his life.

"He has lost everything and will never work again in a capacity where he handles money. He is now a taxi driver."

He said the family house would have to be sold and the equity used to repay the loan.

Friends' fayre at Dinas Powys

FRIENDS of Bryneithin are holding a table top sale/Christmas fayre on Saturday October 2, at 11am-2pm in Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

To book a table (£5), telephone Mrs Sylvia Bowen on 01446 407860. All money raised will go to Bryneithin Residents Fund. Helpers also sought on the day.

Spiritualist session

CADOXTON Christian Spiritualist Church, Kenilworth Road, is holding a 'Body, Mind and Spirit' day on October 2, from 10am-4pm.

For more details, contact Marjorie 01446 746670 or Julie 07971 216846.

Lucky four GEM winners!

FOUR lucky winners have each received £50 gift vouchers in the recent Johnsons the Goldsmiths' competition, held in conjunction with The Glamorgan GEM.

They were: AG Simmonds, Barry; Mrs R Brown, St Hilary; Mrs Doris Allen, Ystradowen and Janet Jones, Cowbridge.

Cowbridge proprietor, Yvonne Johnson, is pictured (above) handing over her prize to AG Simmonds.

New head boy and girl

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob Ellis and Megan Morris (centre) on being chosen as head boy and head girl for this academic year, as Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg Welsh medium comprehensive school celebrates its tenth anniversary. They will be assisted by Ieuan Donovan and Catrin Williams.

Members hear of exotic shell hobby

MERTHYR MAWR WI

MERTHYR MAWR WI is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, and to mark the occasion held a dinner recently when Pam Dinham, federation chairman and June Humphrey, federation secretary attended.

Earlier this year, members enjoyed a day out at Fonmon Castle; after a talk in the library and superb tea, they were able to wander around the gardens.

Following the business meeting, president Margaret Batten welcomed the speaker for the evening. Jan Gosney, who spoke about her hobby of collecting seashells.

It began when she was a child collecting shells, on holiday on the east coast of England, and has grown into a large and exotic collection.

Jan brought some of her very interesting collection with her. She talked about the formation and life of the sea creatures that inhabit the shells and about some of the uses shell are put to.

Jewellery is one prime uses of shells and she spoke about oyster shells and how pearls are formed and how cameo shells are fashioned into lovely pieces of jewellery.

Shells are also used for decorating ornamental plates and boxes. Alice Coulter gave the thanks.

The next meeting will be the AGM at Ewenny Community Hall on Wednesday, October 1.

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LIFEGUARDS ENJOY GREAT TIME AT SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST was a very busy time for Rhoose Lifeguards.

The Surf Lifesaving Great British championships, sponsored by South West Water, took place at Gyllyngvase Beach in Falmouth.

The Masters kicked off the week with two days of competition on August 7 and 8, gaining fifth place, followed by the youth/senior competition on August 10 and 11, gaining third place in their section, and the Nippers ended the competition on August 13 and 14, gaining 11th place.

Despite only having small teams and huge competition from the very large Devon and Cornish clubs, every Rhoose member performed extremely well and should be very proud they represented their club and country, which was only one of six very small Welsh clubs that entered the GB championships.

Medal winners were: Masters – Dave Cooper (55+): Gold medals in Board Race, Oceanman; Silver medals in Surf Race, Surf Ski Race; Steve Edgerton (50-54): Bronze medal in Beach Flags; Carol Miller (45-49): Bronze medal in 1K run; Janine Cordy (45-49): Gold medal in 120+ Taplin Relay, Bronze medal in 120+ Ski Relay; Karen O'Donaghue-Harris (40-44): Gold medals in Board Race, Surf Ski Race, 120+ Taplin Relay, 120+ Board Relay, Bronze medal in 120+ Ski Relay, Silver medals in 30-39 Board Rescue. 30-39 Double Ski; Sarah Bryant (40-44): Gold medal in 120+ Board Relay, Bronze medal in Beach Sprint; Liz Wong (35-39): Gold medals in Surf Race, Board Race, Surf Ski Race, Oceanwoman; 120+ Taplin Relay, 120+ Board Relay, Bronze medals in 1k run, 120+ Ski Relay, Silver medals in 30-39 Board Rescue, 30-39 Double Ski.

Youth/Senior – Rhys Perry (19): Gold medal in Beach Flags; Robbie Thompson (19): Bronze medal in Beach Flags; Lana Evans (19): Gold medal in Surf Race, Bronze medal in Board Race; Lucy Curtis (19): Silver medal in Ski Race, Bronze medal in Beach Flags; Eloise Neighbour (19): Bronze medal in Oceanwoman; Teg Young (16): Bronze medal in Ski Race; Emma Braggins (15): Bronze medal in Ski Race; Keiran Knowles (14): Silver medal in Board Race, Bronze medals in Ski Race, Oceanman; Sam Thompson (14): Gold medal in Beach Sprint; Caitlin Young (14): Bronze medal in Ski Race; Lauren Williamson (13): Gold medals in Surf Race, Board Race, Silver medals in Oceangirl, Beach Sprint.

Gold team medals: Women (19) Taplin Relay, Women (19) Surf Relay, Women (19) Tube Rescue, Women (19) Double Ski, Mixed (14) Beach Relay.

Silver team medals: Men (19) Taplin Relay, Women (19) Board Relay, Men (19) Surf Relay, Women (19) Board Rescue, Men (19) Tube Rescue, Men (19) Double Ski, Women (16) Double Ski, Women (14) Tube Rescue.

Bronze team medals: Men (19) Board Relay, Mixed (19) Double Ski, Men (16) Board Relay.

Nippers – Erin Hayes (13): Gold medals in Beach Flags, 1Km Run; Lauren Williamson (13): Gold medal in Surf Race; Kelsea Petersen (12): Bronze medal in Beach Sprint; Rhys Gardner (11): Bronze medal in Board Race; Jessica Wadey (10): Gold medals in Run Wade Run, Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Silver medal in 1Km Run; Brooke Peterson (8): Gold medal in Beach Flags.

Gold team medals: Girls 12-13 Beach Relay.
Bronze team medals: Girls 13 Board Rescue.

The competition was part of the Henri Lloyd Falmouth Week, which also included fireworks, yacht races, live music, a fantastic display by the Red Arrows and the 1K Trident Swim.

The Trident Swim is organised by the Falmouth Fire Brigade and is a fundraiser for three charities – the Firefighters Charity, SLSAGB and Cancer Research. A total of 131 swimmers took to the water. Among them were Rhoose Lifeguard members Liz Wong, Gareth Harris, Kathryn Gardner, Rowan Miller and Tayla Edgerton (who was the youngest competitor in the swim at 12 years old).

Well done to all five of you for finishing in very respectable positions.

Special thanks to all the Rhoose members who took part in the competition, to the families, friends and sponsors for their support and to SLSAGB for organising the event. **EE**

American visitors hear Bridgend Male Choir in full voice

AFTER helping cancer charities at the local St Crallo's Church, Coychurch, the Bridgend Male Choir moved on to another local church last weekend, to perform as part of its harvest festival.

As with St Crallo's, the choir was delighted to perform at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major this time.

This 900-year-old building also enjoys a wonderful acoustic and an appreciative congregation made the choir very welcome.

Soloists Leon Evans, Graham Collins and Paul Carter and narrator, Alun Roberts Jones drew special applause, as did the choir's organist, Scott Williams for his solo pieces and whose ears must have been ringing with the applause!

With musical director John Jenkins at the helm, and the skilled fingers of piano accompanist, Laura Smith, the concert was always going to be a success and this was certainly the case.

His sense of humour and dedicated research makes the choir's compere, Gareth Davies a delight for audiences and choristers alike. He was pleased to welcome Ryder Cup visitors from the USA states of Virginia and Maine and commented on the many American themes in the music programme, plus the Elvis Festival at Porthcawl.

Many of the congregation joined the choristers for further musical enjoyment at the Fox and Hounds where the hospitality was very much appreciated.

Bridgend Male Choir continues with its 50th birthday celebrations next weekend with a Saturday, October 2, anniversary concert at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

The choir's guests are Welsh entertainer, Max Boyce; singer, Eve Sherratt and comedian, Colin Price. A small number of tickets are still available from the box office on 01656 815995.

Lifeboat is called to fishing boat

PORTHCAWL's lifeboat was launched last week to answer a distress call from a fishing boat off Sker Point.

The RNLI was called out by Swansea Coastguard which had received the call from the boat on Saturday as one of the fishermen on board was suffering with chest pains.

The tide was out and the boat was unable to get into Porthcawl harbour.

A doctor happened to be fishing nearby in another boat and he heard the distress call and offered his assistance. He was transferred to the boat that made the call and was able to assess the condition of the patient.

When the lifeboat arrived shortly afterwards, they were able to supply oxygen, aspirin and other medication to the patient, which was administered by the doctor.

It was decided that the patient needed to be treated in hospital and a rescue helicopter was scrambled. The doctor and patient were transferred to the lifeboat to make it easier for the patient to be winched aboard the helicopter and he was then taken to Morriston Hospital.

Joseph Missen Helm of Porthcawl Lifeboat Station said that the shout had involved many different organisations and individuals who had all worked together to assist the fisherman.

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FAIRYTALE EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN WITH CANCER

A GROUP of little girls who have been undergoing treatment for cancer were given a 'royal' experience when they attended a very special Princess Pamper party accompanied by Miss Wales 2010, Courtney Hamilton and Mister Wales 2010, Andrew Western.

Earlier this month, the Hair Business in Cowbridge played host to the little girls who enjoyed having their nails painted, playing party games, getting their hair/wigs styled by hairdressers and tucking into take-away pizza and cup cakes.

The president and founder of The Joshua Pamper party concept is an absolutely wonderful idea as, since being associated with the Miss Wales and Mister Wales competition, we have realised that little girls are fascinated by the girls and boys who take part in the Miss Wales/Mister Wales final and really aspire to be like them.

"I know that by giving the girls the opportunity to meet Courtney and Andrew in person and be treated to a spot of pampering, it will really provide them with a special experience that money just can't buy."

Leigharne Phillips, Owner of The Hair Business said: "We love being associated with the Miss Wales competition year in year out, so we were delighted to be able to welcome the little girls to the salon and host such a special party for them."

Miss Wales 2010, Courtney Hamilton said: "Part of the role of being Miss Wales is to help The Joshua Foundation provide unforgettable experiences for children battling cancer, so I am honoured to be involved."

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Llantwit Castle to be put on market

Report by JAYNE ISAAC

ONE of the most historic buildings in Llantwit is being put up for sale.

The Vale cabinet was expected to agree at its meeting yesterday, September 29 to sell Llantwit Castle – also known as Old Place – which is located on Castle Street.

The building is a ruin which dates from the late 16th century and it will be sold by tender. A planning brief has been drawn up with the approval of Cadw which must be complied with by any new owners.

This brief enables the building to be re-used as a single residence.

The buildings on the site are Grade 2 listed and some are also scheduled ancient monuments and the site lies in a conservation area.

The council originally decided in 2006 to sell the building, but Cadw was unhappy at that time and it was withdrawn from sale so that a new survey could be carried out. Cadw said then that this was a "nationally significant monument in public ownership."

Extensive clearance of vegetation has taken place to enable the new survey to take place. This found that while little deterioration has taken place, there is a potential for damage to the walls as the ruins are roofless and the tops of the walls are unprotected.

In his report to cabinet, Rob Thomas, head of planning and transportation, said that the council had four options.

The first was to do nothing but this has been ruled out because of the risk to trespassers from falling masonry and the possibility of a serious failure of the ruinous walls.

The next two options – which are to either carry out intermediate repairs or turn it into an "accessible ruin" – would also be "prohibitively" expensive for the council and also for Cadw.

The fourth option of disposal subject to a planning brief has been agreed with Cadw.

The cabinet was told that the building will remain a financial liability because of the ongoing costs of boundary maintenance and supervision while it remains in the council's ownership.

Old Place consists of the ruins of a late 16th century mansion and these are two to three storeys high and made of local stone. The building is roofless.

It was acquired by the Vale Council in 1995 because of its dangerous structures but the council has been unable to find the funding to repair them.

The planning brief, which cabinet was due to approve, states that as the original house was three storeys high, any new development must retain the height and existing lay-out of the original building.

It is to be finished in roughcast and lime-washed render.

The forecourt walls will also have to be reinstated to their original height, repointed and repaired.

Research into the history of the building has found that it was built at the end of the 16th century incoporating part of an earlier structure. It was owned at that time by the Van family of Marcross.

It later fell into decay.

Rob Thomas told The GEM that the council was seeking to dispose of the building, as this is considered to be the most beneficial way to ensure its long-term retention and re-use.

He added that the issue of price has not yet been raised and this will depend on the marketing process.

PLAID CALLS FOR 'TRAIN INDICATOR' IN DINAS POWYS

PLAID CYMRU have called for a real-time train indicator at Eastbrook station in Dinas Powys so that passengers will know the time of the next train and be informed of any delays.

Eastbrook is the only station between Cardiff and Bridgend on the Vale of Glamorgan line without a real-time indicator.

Vale Assembly candidate for Plaid Cymru, Dr Ian Johnson, joined local Dinas Powys councillors, Coun Margaret Randall, Coun Keith Hatton and Coun Val Hartrey, to speak to Eastbrook commuters and ask them to sign a petition.

Dr Johnson said: "We spoke to more than 100 commuters on their way to work or college on Monday morning, with almost everyone agreeing that this would be helpful to their journey."

Howell's School pupils learn to enjoy learning

A SPOKESWOMAN said that Howell's School, Llandaff, was "delighted" to record, once again, excellent public examination results both at GCSE and A-Level.

At GCSE, 32 of the 69 girls gained A* or A in every subject.

Compared with a national average of 8 per cent awarded the new A* grade at A-Level, a remarkable 31 per cent of the grades in the school's co-educational sixth form were A*, and 84 per cent of all the grades were A*, A or B and there was a 100 per cent pass rate.

"The results at both levels reflect the tremendous "value added" gained by the students during their time at Howell's, who regularly achieve much better results than forecast in independent assessments when they are in year-7.

"Girls from the nursery onwards are encouraged to enjoy learning from their first step on the educational ladder. On Tuesday mornings from 9.45am-11.15am, both boys and girls are welcome to come and have fun with their parents, grandparents or carers at Stay + Play.

"The school sets great store by developing the aptitudes, interests and skills of its students in a wide variety of areas, not just the academic.

"Along with superb facilities, there are numerous opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities and to develop self-confidence.

"A recent success by a group of students stemmed from a fashion show which they organised for charity last November; the six members of the Pink Ladies group, came second in the UK final of the BAFTA Young Chamber of Commerce Business Skills competition.

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Latest planning proposals from the Vale of Glamorgan

Mrs Eluned Henry – **17 Conybeare Road, Sully, Penarth** – erection of a car port.
Mr and Mrs Mark Davies – **14 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth** – proposed two storey extension to side and associated works.
Mr Richard Parsons – **54 Brockhill Way, Penarth** – extension to existing detached garage to form study.
Mr Kim Roberts – **Old Railway Station, Gileston Road, Gileston, Barry** – change of use of existing to provide three bedroom house and staff welfare, plus increased secure parking area.
Mr Colin Jones – **land adjacent to 6 New Barn Holdings, Flemingston, Barry** – retention of existing access to land adjacent to 6 New Barn Holdings and erection of gate.
The Works – **The Works, 110 Holton Road, Barry** – one illuminated fascia sign; and one illuminated projecting sign.
Mr Beacall – **23 Heol Miaren, Barry** – erection of orangery to rear of building.
Mrs Sharon Wright – **New Barn Farm, New Barn, Flemingston** – convert existing building into a summer house with toilet facility.
Mr P Mayze – **The Croft, Siginstone** – proposed conservatory to rear and retention of existing window with Juliet balcony.
Mr and Mrs R James – **Squirrel Oak Barn, Morfa Farm, Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major** – retention and completion of lean-to extensions to existing outbuilding to allow screened enclosure of oil tank, pump and machinery, and meter unit.
Mr Mark Earls – **35 Cedar Way, Penarth** – single storey dining room extension to rear and porch extension to front of dwelling.
Ms S Woodfield – **6 Glaslyn Close, Barry** – balancing ash by pruning of extended limb and some relief work to increase light reaching dwelling.
Ms Cindy Perry – **Holm View Cottage, Pen-y-Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dormer bungalow with self-contained area for aged parents.
Mr Neil Fox – **Foxy's Delicatessen, 7 Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth** – vary condition 3 of permission 05/01050/FUL – extend opening hours Monday-Saturday 8.30am-8.30pm and Sundays 8.30am-6pm.
Metrix UK Ltd and Sodexo Ltd – **Defence Technical College: Zone 5 Picketston South, MoD St Athan** – Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 5 (DTC Training) incorporating matters including: buildings; access; parking facilities; landscaping and sustainability.
Mr Peter Lewis – **2G Cornerswell Road, Penarth** – change of use from fruit and vegetable shop to nail design and beauty salon (including thai massage and foot massage; semi permanent and permanent make-up).
Mr Steve Suwel – **The Carpenters Arms, Eglwys Brewis** – change of use of part of public house into dwelling house, to form part of Carpenters Arms.
Mrs Vanessa Adams – **3 Pwll-y-Min Crescent, Peterston super Ely** – rear extension, addition of safety balustrade to third storey flat roof and solar panels. Roofing of alleyway, new window, addition of en-suite, resiting and upgrading boiler and re-rendering.
Mrs Penny Richards – **land adjoining Maes Newydd, Buttrills Road, Barry** – new four bedroom dwelling.
Mrs Janet Grant – **2 St Siors Mead, Rhoose** – double storey extension to side of dwelling.
Mr Matthew Thomas – **La Grange, Drope Road, St Georges-super-Ely** – remove four trees from garden boundary.
SA Brain & Co – **Park Hotel, Park Crescent, Barry** – retrospective planning application for a 5,000mm long x 3,300mm wide x 2,400mm high to eaves smoking shelter to the back of the Park public house.
Mr Paul Johnson – **15 Tair Gwaun, Penarth** – proposed dining/living room extension to the rear of existing dwelling.
Mr Douglas Griggs – **Thornleigh, 37 Hawthorn Road, Barry** – two storey side extension.
Dr and Mrs Connolly – **Ivy Villa, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major** – proposed alterations to include integrated utility and cloakroom at ground floor, creation of bathroom at first floor and external alterations to form new driveway and patio area.
Mr and Mrs Stevens – **The Old Rectory (formerly Egerton Grey Country House Hotel), Porthkerry, Barry** – amendments to application 2010/00246/FUL altering kitchen lantern, along with the introduction of further fenestration and solar panels.
Mr Neil Thompson – **Comet, Unit E, Valegate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – new display window to the front elevation, next to customer entrance.
Mr Derek Ross – **56 Brook Street, Barry** – to extend to side/rear of existing end of terrace dwelling and convert three one-bedroom units with refuse storage and amenity space.
Mr and Mrs Williams – **26 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – extensions to side, rear and roof.
Mr Alan Evans – **17b Plas St, Pol De Leon, Penarth Marina** – change of use from business use back to residential use (internal conversion only).
Mrs Karen Rowley – **18 Cardigan Crescent, Llantwit Major** – new extension to living room, conversion of garage to new lounge and conservatory to the rear.
Mr and Mrs M Barrett – **7 Paget Road, Barry** – alteration to existing ground floor to the Paget Inn, to accommodate a new entrance door, and the construction of a new internal stair, all to serve the flats at first and second floor level.
Ms Michele Duval – **76 Port Road East, Barry** – single storey extension and alteration to roof to provide attic rooms.
Mr William Jones – **84 Queen's Road, Penarth** – removal of part of rear annex pitched roof to form external sitting area.
Mr Derek Evans – **Colwinston Village Hall, Maes-y-Bryn, Colwinston** – provision of glazed, steel veranda to west elevation, overclad brickwork above line of veranda with insulated red cedar cladding boards and upgrade existing patio area with new slabs to create level means of escape.
Mr Phil Barnett – **33 Coldbrook Road East, Barry** – single storey extension to rear of property.
Mr and Mrs Goldworthy – **10 Crescent Close, Cowbridge –** conservatory to rear elevation.
Dow Corning Limited – **Dow Corning Limited, Cardiff Road, Barry** – construction of a waste storage area which includes an impermeable bentonite membrane, bounding using gabion baskets for containment walls.
Mrs Susan Llewellyn – **Mullion, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major** – proposed extension to existing dwelling.
Mr Alan Neale – **6 Rheidol Drive, Barry** – construction of conservatory to rear elevation.
Mrs Whittington – **The Pines, Wick Road, Ewenny** – dismantle two pines adjacent to front corner of drive and crown raise leaning pine.
Mrs Jenner – **8 Le Sor Hill, Peterston-super-Ely** – prune two lower limnbs of overhanging oak.
Mrs Freestone – **38 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – reduce horse chestnut and lightly reduce purple plum (both at rear).
Mr David Barwell – **17 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – deck to be built in garden, to make use of sloping space to give flat area of garden.
Ms Alison Debono – **23 Augusta Road, Penarth** – proposed single storey extension to rear and new vehicle crossover.
Mr Andrew Samuel – **26 Romilly Road, Barry** – proposed enclosure to external balcony.
Mr Howard Williams – **69 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – proposed demolition of existing conservatory and replacement single storey lounge extension to the rear.
Mr and Mrs Protheroe – **Heathcliff, Clive Crescent, Penarth** – replacement dwelling and landscape works.
Tesco Stores Limited – **former Mayflower public house, Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – installation of three air conditioning units and one condenser unit.
Mr Gareth Cording – **The Old Post Office, St Brides Major** – three new one-bed flats on a vacant site adjoining the applicant's property. Covered ground level parking for three cars with forward movement onto and off site. The diversion of part of a public footpath with the improvement of the path's surface, new lighting, new handrails and the clearance of overgrown vegetation.
Tesco Stores Limited – **former Mayflower public house, 74 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – one internally illuminated fascia sign, one internally illuminated projecting sign, one externally illuminated gantry sign and other various minor advertisement and vinyls.
Tesco Stores Limited – **former Maylower public house, 74 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – installation of new shopfront, security bollards and external alterations.
Mr Geraint Simmonds – **Bridge Farm Garden Centre, Wick Road, Ewenny** – alterations to existing garden centre (inclusive of change of use of part of floor space to A3 coffee shop/café, awning, three display conservatories and external cladding).
Tesco Stores Limited – **former Maylower public house, 74 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – installation of external standalone ATM pod.
Cofton (Wales) Limited – **land at former Opencast Coal Site and land to the north of the A473 Llanilid** – comprehensive development comprising: residential development of up to 1,850 dwellings; neighbourhood centre to include D1 and D2 community/leisure facilities, Class D1 medical centre, Class D1 primary school, Class A1, A2 and A3 retail/services/food and drink floorspace; B1 office/commercial florspace; new drainage, services, transport and highways infrastructure, strategic landscape areas and public open space (all matters reserved). Full details for new spine road and access onto A473, drainage infrastructure and the creation of development plateaux to serve the first phase of the development.
Mr Ward Jones – **land at Horsefair Road Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – new office block change of use for open storage and container rental storage and alter existing access road.
Mr D Rhodri Davies – **land at Brynsych, Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major** – retention of agricultural building and proposed erection of new agricultural building.
Mr Gianni Zeraschi – **The Promenade Café, The Promenade, Barry Island, Barry** – the proposal is to remove two columns from the kiosk to open up the front elevation onto the promenade. Also to remove three air vents and install three windows on the rear elevation overlooking Whitmore Bay, improving both the outlook from the unit and the view back from the beach itself.
Mr and Mrs Nigel England – **Pwll-y-Darren Farm, Welsh St Donats** – refurbishment and extension of main house, extension of detached garage building and replacement of barn, plus associated landscaping within amended residential curtilage.
Mr Mark Dawson – **66 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing garage and covered walkway. Construction of new garage and ground floor extension.
Mr William David – **Crack Hill Motorcross, Crack Hill, Colwinston** – change of use to a motorcross/quad practice track.
Action for Children – **Headlands School, St Augustine's Road, Penarth** – retention of classroom block.
Amanda Swaffield – **Barn 3, Lower House Barn, Michaelston Le Pit Road, Michaelston Le Pit** – barn conversion to residential use.
Mr Richard Penn – **1 Portland Close, Penarth** – erection of garden pergola.
TJX Europe – **Unit B, Valegate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross** – new plant area to rear of new TK Maxx store (formerly MFI Homeworks).
Mr Glenn Williams – **Blueridge, 6 Llety'r Eos, Rhoose Point** – to build two catteries and an enclosed garden area.
Mrs Chris Williams – **38 Sully Terrace, Penarth** – demolition of a single storey extension and the construction of a new single storey extension.
Mr and Mrs Alan and Catherine Griffiths – **40 Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major** – conservatory to the rear of the house and construction of single storey garage and dining room side extension.
Mr and Mrs Daley – **31 Cambourne Close, Barry** – rear extension to bungalow - amendment to approval 2010/00478/FUL, to include additional obscurely glazed window.
Mr Thomas Williams – **3 Tair Onen, Cowbridge** – single storey side extension.
Mr Mark Walsh – **Allt Isaf Alpacas, Greenfields Farm, Peterston-super-Ely** – retention of stable block.
Mr and Mrs Burnell – **12 Cwrt Edward, Barry** – erect a uPVC conservatory to rear of property.
Mr William Long – **10 Osprey Close, Lavernock** – rear and side single storey extension, providing disabled bathroom and level thresholds with wheelchair access doorways.
Mr Richard Hode – **18 Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – single storey extension.
Mr D and Mrs K Hughes – **Tanglewood, The Rhiw, Craig Penllyn** – proposed alterations and extension including removal of garage and providing new parking with alterations to the access.
Mr Frederick Hatch – **9 Station Road, Dinas Powys** - renewal of 05/1154/FUL for conversion of existing roof space to flat. Demolition of existing flat roof extension to rear. Construction of small two storey extension to rear for first floor bedroom and ground floor kitchen/dining room also store for shop.
Mr Len Williams – **6 Herbert Street, Barry** – porch to front of property.
Mrs Sarah Pritchard – **2 Dovey Close, Barry** – retrospective application for wall and fencing along boundary of property.

FIRST BUS LANE OPENS IN THE VALE

THE VALE'S first bus lane, situated on Cardiff Road between Eastbrook and the Merrie Harrier, was officially declared open last week.

Vale cabinet member for planning and transportation, Coun Jeffrey James, was joined in cutting a ribbon to mark the occasion by colleagues from the Vale Council, representatives from Cardiff Bus, Morrison Construction, sustainable transport charity Sustrans and EST Buses, and Chairman of Llandough Community Council, Coun Hanley, and his consort.

Coun James, who is also Chair of the South East Wales Transport Alliance (Sewta), said: "I am delighted that after a number of years promoting this scheme that work is completed.

"The scheme provides a bus lane and cycle and pedestrian facilities that will help to encourage more people to try either public transport, walking or cycling, which will assist in reducing congestion and promote healthier travel."

Pictured right: Coun Jeffrey James, cabinet member for planning and transportation, cuts the ribbon to declare the new bus lane on Cardiff Road open. He was joined by representatives from the council, Cardiff Bus, Morrison Construction, Sustrans and EST Buses.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D635.

- **£2,000: 821880**.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £1,500, was not won this week.**
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- **£5:** 807054, 395580, 387737,155630, 500894, 630064, 487552, 231696, 436584, 514401, 644496, 536452, 734763, 103689, 220009, 746846, 240850, 660014, 402958, 582563, 773264, 327014, 999651, 186851, 146993, 313402, 388527, 854377, 184653, 734641, 660789, 519023, 144141, 826491, 375956, 570483, 456103, 766384, 888900, 295564, 629198, 759573, 170778, 584497, 424957, 872870, 364022, 343959, 199051, 409517, 514920, 802851, 107741 331159, 473189, 675915, 607908, 827229, 500951**.**

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Ploughing and Hedging Championships bring a reminder of times past in Wales' rural life

AS you can see from more of Glyn Evans' images of the Riverlea Claas 51st All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships held at Boverton Place Farm, the competitions did not just involve modern machinery.

There were more than a few reminders of how the land was ploughed a couple of centuries ago, with genuine horse power on display and not just man-made mechanical horse power!

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

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Royal Mail's Great British Railways stamps marks the 50th anniversary of the building of the last UK steam locomotive, British Rail's *Evening Star*.

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After the Second World War, the Big Four became British Railways (BR) in 1948.

In March 1960, *Evening Star* brought to an end over 130 years of steam-locomotive building for Britain's mainline railways, leaving Swindon Works in a blaze of publicity in 1960.

For your chance to win a set of the stamps answer the following question:

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C. *Easyjet?*

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(No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final. Good luck!)

Barrivale Bridge Club news

RESULTS from Barrivale:

September 14 – 1st, Denis Mottram and Jane Brook 71.88 per cent; 2nd, Mike Close and Mick Green 70.00; 3rd, Eileen Hughes and Carol James 62.50.

Denis and Jane also won on handicap.

September 21 – 1st, Celia Thomas and Jane Brook 66.67 per cent; 2nd, Mike Best and Mike Close 63.25; 3rd, Huw Thomas and Denis Mottram 56.35.

Celia and Jane also won on handicap.

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Local authors capture the history of south Wales railway travel

RAILWAYS OF SOUTH WALES by Adrian Kenny
WELSH RAILWAYS A NEW PERSPECTIVE by Jeff Morgan and Wayne Eldridge

by MIKE WILCOCK

ABOVE:
Mike Wilcock with author Jeff Morgan (left).

RAIL enthusiasts and photographers alike will welcome the recent publication of two books on railways in Wales.

All three authors live in south Wales, so their knowledge of the area is extensive.

With more than 120 pages, Adrian Kenny's book, Railways in South Wales, is in the larger A4 format and all his images are on the tradition film taken on his Mamiya 645 camera.

Over the 11 years it has taken to compile this book, he has travelled many hundreds of miles in his quest to record all the trains in excellent weather and lighting conditions.

I have known him to travel all the way to west Wales for that special shot, but abort the venture, due to the light not being good enough – but that's the high standard he sets himself.

The first dozen pages give details of all the changes in passenger services, improvements to stations in south Wales, the train operating companies as well as freight operators. There are details on rail infrastructure, signalling, locos and units and finally, the preserved lines in the area.

The Garw Valley Railway, between Tondu and Pontycymmer, which was founded in 2006 also has a mention.

It's obvious to the reader that Adrian has taken many hours to research each and every photograph with cross referencing with further advice from fellow enthusiast in the area.

All the main classes of locomotives are featured with as many livery variations as possible and all the freight and passenger companies that have worked in south Wales are also included in the excellent volume.

I find the book an excellent historical document on the south Wales railways in the 21st century. The subjects are photographed in such a way as to take in the whole scene and not just a train in the station as might be expected.

My particular favourites are the industrial scenes, night time at Aberthaw Power Station, oil tankers at Barry, chemical trains at Barry Docks and even trains clearing leaves from the tracks near Cadoxton!

This is a book that can be looked at time and time again as each photograph has so much to please the eye that one look is not enough.

Many readers will know Jeff Morgan as the former chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway at Barry. Since the change of operators he, along with Wayne Eldridge a fellow teacher, has devoted most of his time to producing their book on " Welsh Railways - A new perspective".

With more than 80 pages of photographs, with many featuring a couple on each page, the book covers a period of 30 years from 1980 to present day, and illustrates the ever-changing scene from Holyhead in the north west to Pembrokeshire in the south west.

Jeff and Wayne travelled together to capture the less well known locations, as well as unusual and long departed rail lines.

Scenes at Barry in the 1980s dramatically illustrate the decline of visitors to the Island.

Of particular note are the trains at Barry Island, waiting to return day trippers to the Valleys, and in the background, the line through the tunnel to the Barry Pier, where trains connected with the steamer service to various places in the Bristol Channel.

This line saw its last working in 1971.

Golfers at Porthkerry Park are oblivious to a heavy freight train crossing the 376-yard viaduct which when opened in 1898 and had to be closed a month after opening due to severe distortion. Poor foundations meant that a temporary line had to be built around the viaduct while major reconstruction was carried out.

It reopened in 1900 and has served the Vale of Glamorgan line right up to the present day. Special trains to the open day at Aberthaw Power Station in 1997 and the daily train to the Ford works at Bridgend, which is rarely seen in daylight hours are another feature.

Both books will give hours of pleasure to rail enthusiasts, photographers and local historians alike. Both are well researched with excellent captions on every page. They will make ideal presents for that special person or even a treat for oneself.

Both are available from the Cowbridge Bookshop or Ian Allan in Cardiff.

Local PC helps to get 'pet ownership' message across

THE experiences of a Vale police officer have been called upon to help to highlight the work of Cardiff University reptile specialist Dr Rhys Jones and the various organisations he works with.

ABOVE: Dr Rhys Jones and PC Mark Goulding pictured with a Red Tail Boa Constrictor.

Vale wildlife crime officer, PC Mark Goulding, has been followed by herpetologist Dr Jones and a camera crew as he goes about some of his work, dealing with everything from snakes to terrapins.

PC Goulding said: "A BBC programme last night showed the varied calls I attend as a wildlife crime officer.

"This is just one aspect of policing work across the Vale and south Wales as a whole. As a neighbourhood beat manager I hope that my role in the programme highlighted the responsibilities pet owners have with their animals and the offences they could commit if they don't take these responsibilities seriously.

"As a result of taking part in the TV show, I hope I will be able to engage more effectively with the communities I serve, in particular young people. Rhys and I both hope we can inspire individuals to take care of the wildlife and environment which surrounds us all."

Out and About with The GEM

Affleck's Town is a compelling and hugely impressive place to be...

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

FOR a man whose cinematic career appeared to be over following the debacle that was *Gigli*, Ben Affleck has shown a marked depth of character to resurrect his career in the aftermath.

Serious fare such as *Hollywoodland* and *State of Play* has been the order of the day, while his directorial debut – *Gone, Baby Gone* - was a critical smash. Having enjoyed the feel of the director's chair, Affleck sits back down for *The Town*, in which he also stars.

He plays Doug, the leader of a gang of bank robbers who is aiming for one last heist before his luck runs out, a move that angers his right-hand man James (Jeremy Renner), who doesn't want Doug to walk out on them.

Things get even more complicated, with Doug falling for Claire (Rebecca Hall), a bank employee who Doug and his gang recently held up. Coupled with Doug and the gang being pursued by a dogged FBI agent named Frawley (Jon Hamm), and suddenly things are getting serious for the men...

Ben Affleck's transition behind the camera was seemingly only done so that he may have some semblance of a career in Hollywood, having done so incredibly well to ruin his acting credibility with roles in the aforementioned *Gigli*, and *Surviving Christmas* (Christmas? I barely survived the first five minutes).

Considering, then, that this may possibly be Affleck's back-up job, it is surprising, though only on his second film, how mature and sharply tuned a director he is, and while *The Town* lacks the emotional impact of *Gone, Baby Gone*, it is still a hugely impressive follow-up effort from Affleck, and one that pinpoints just how good a director he is promises to be.

It is all the more impressive that, having handed the acting duties to brother Casey on his first pass, that Affleck takes on both directing and lead role duty here, a double that he no doubt fell more comfortable handling, and it shows in both his direction and his performance.

If *Gone...* was a fair indicator of Affleck's abilities as a director, then *The Town* shows he is more than at home amping things up when required.

The opening bank raid sequence is more than in thrall to *Point Break*, but by getting the camera among the action, and mixing between handheld camera and 'security camera' footage, he brings a hard-hitting edge that barely lets up over the film's two-hour running time.

While the shoot-outs and car chases are comparable to *Heat*, they lack that film's hard hitting realism, but Affleck shows a strong eye for these sequences, again getting the camera involved and benefiting from the close-ups he uses. Similarly, his use of the Boston landscape comes to the fore, Affleck showing every dark nook and cranny of the town of Charlestown, and the characters you bump into there.

It's his intimate knowledge of these characters, and the world they inhabit, that makes the film a far more personal one.

The majority of these characters are flawed, but not wholly lacking redemption, and Affleck's camera is never far away from these individuals.

The cast assembled all put in strong turns across the board, with Affleck leading by example in a solid, non-showy, but hugely focused turn.

The character of Doug is hardly bursting with originality, but Affleck finds some nice places to take the character on his slightly forseeable journey, showing a man whose life of crime is as much a product of his society as his own choice.

Capturing the shift in his emotions, as he falls for Claire, knowing the truth would destroy the relationship while having to manage his team of robbers, Affleck's turn is nicely rounded and delivered with style.

Rebecca Hall, as the bank manager whose relationship with Doug forms the crux of the story, is just as impressive as Affleck, again running the gamut of emotions but delivering a strong performance, in an underwritten role that sits wonderfully well alongside the remainder of the cast.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Renner shows just why he has been so hotly-tipped since last year's *The Hurt Locker*, with a superb performance of quiet spoken menace.

Again, his character is a genre type, the hothead who is unable to extract himself from his situation but Renner shows a slow-burning anger inside the character that makes him dangerous yet strangely rootable, subverting the usual character tics.

With *Mad Men's* Jon Hamm similarly impressive as the FBI agent intent on tracking down Doug and his gang, showing there's more to him than the dapper suits and hair pomade of Don Draper, and *Gossip Girl's* Blake Lively giving an exceptional small turn as drug-addicted mother, there are no weak turns here; and small roles for the likes of Pete Postlethwaite, Chris Cooper and Titus Welliver (or the 'Man in Black' to *Lost* fans) simply increase the quality of the turns on show.

If acting and directing wasn't enough, Affleck also took on co-writing duties with Peter Craig and Aaron Stockard, and the script the three of them have delivered (adapted from Chuck Hogan's *Prince of Thieves*) is full of rich characters and bristles with authenticity.

This, no doubt, helps the superb performances really hit home, but if there are any bumps in the road, it mainly comes through the slightly shmaltzy ending, Affleck and his co-writers getting everything wrapped a little too neatly.

Despite this, given the quality of Affleck's first two outings, there is little doubting his ability. *The Town* also reminds us of his talent in front of the screen to boot, and the end product is one that is eminently watchable, the performances and direction fittingly soundly around a gripping story.

VERDICT – Second directorial outing, second success – Ben Affleck shows real talent behind the camera in *The Town*, a hard hitting, and gripping, piece of work that is wonderfully acted and directed.

While it may lose its way slightly with a somewhat overly sugary coda, what goes before is superb and shows Affleck to be a man of many talents.

Recommended.

Toy and Train sale promise 'famous names'

THE three-times-per-year treat for toy and train collectors at Barry Leisure Centre next takes place on Sunday, October 3.

Once again, the entire main hall will be packed with traders from all four corners of the Principality and from far-away locations across the border such as Devon, Cheshire and Nottingham.

Such has been the demand for table space that, time still to go, only two or three stands remain to be let and they will certainly be taken by the day of the show.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Since we moved to the excellent Barry Leisure Centre, the event has gone from strength-to-strength, and is very popular with both the public and traders. We are now mounting a show that really does south Wales proud.

"Parking is no problem at weekends as the Civic Centre parking area is also available, and we can accommodate all-comers; the excellent level access is a great boost for those with disabilities, and we also bring in a first-class local caterer."

A varied range of stall-holders will be present, offering vast amounts of stock, old and new and, importantly, with real value pricing and all the famous names, such as Dinky, Corgi, Hornby, Lima, Bachmann, Wrenn, etc.

Visitors can bring their own items along for valuation, without obligation, and if they wish, traders will be more than happy to make cash offers or to offer part-exchange allowances.

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COURAGE OF HORSES AND RIDERS IS PUT TO THE TEST AT LLANGEINOR HUNT EVENT

THE stamina and endurance required by both horse and rider in the the world of equestrian competition were on show when the Llangeinor Hunt held its latest event in the fields and meadows of Merthyr Mawr.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' images of the day, there were lots of testing fences and obstacles to be overcome before arriving at the finishing gate – along with the odd, perhaps wise, refusal!

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NEWS FROM GLAMORGAN FARMERS GOLF SOCIETY

Geraint lands the Nipper Jewell Trophy at the Vale Golf Resort

THE final of the Nipper Jewell knock-out competition between Bryan Owen and society President Geraint Davies organised by the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, was held recently on the Lakes course at the Vale Golf esort.

A number of members gathered at the first tee to add their support and witness Bryan Owen take an early lead.

Geraint Davies, benefiting from having experienced caddy Griff Morgan at his shoulder, took some time to settle into his game and it was not until the fifth hole that he reduced the deficit.

Owen immediately responded by winning the sixth and seventh par five holes before losing the short par three eighth hole.

The ninth hole was halved, leaving former Whitland warrior Bryan Owen to go into the back nine one up.

A short pep talk from caddy Griff who, at the half way stage, could see his win bonus disappearing, soon had Geraint Davies firing on all cylinders.

Dropping only one shot to par over the next four holes, Davies built up a three-hole lead.

Disaster nearly struck for Davies, however, when playing the 13th hole and only swift action from caddy Griff saved his electric trolley from entering one of the many lakes, which are pleasant features on this well maintained parkland course.

This unfortunate incident seemed to rattle Davies who, assisted by a touch of the dreaded shanks, then proceeded to let Owen reduce the deficit to one hole as they walked onto the 18th tee.

A magnificent fairway splitting drive from Davies could not be matched by Owen, however, who then proceeded to lose his ball when playing a poor approach shot. Davies confidently placed his approach shot on the green to win for the first time a trophy given to the society in memory of the legendary Keith 'Nipper' Jewell.

The next meeting of the society is today, Thursday, September 30, when members will be competing at the Rhondda Golf Club for the much sought-after Arthur John Cup kindly sponsored by Mr Dai John.

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ABOVE: Winner Geraint Davies

LEFT: Runner-up Bryan Owen

Architrave's hat-trick win

***ARCHITRAVE,* a three-year-old chestnut gelding trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, made every post a winning one when landing the Better Off With Betfair Juvenile Hurdle at Market Rasen last Saturday.**

Confidently ridden by Richard Johnson, *Architrave*, who was winning for the third time in as many starts, came home an official five lengths ahead of the fast finishing favourite *Two Kisses* and his delighted trainer said: "He has kept improving ever since we had him from Sir Mark Prescott's yard and we are entitled to get excited after that run."

The Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival meeting in March could now be on the cards for this promising prospect.

Vale provides a great venue for Welsh Ploughing and Hedging Championships

ABOVE: An anxious wait for the results to be announced.

LEFT: Dai Jones, the president of the Royal Welsh Society.

ABOVE: The 'best turned out' team belonged to Jane Mutz-Torres of Warwickshire, the only woman 'ploughman' to compete.

THE All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships at Boverton Place farm on Saturday, September 18 proved a huge success.

Here is a full set of results:

TRACTOR PLOUGHING:

Class 1 Semi-Digger – World Style: First, Mr Evan Watkin; second, Mr Clive Nixon; third, Mr Rhodri George.

Class 2 Semi-Digger – World Style, under 26: First, Mr Iestyn E James.

Class 3 Reversible – World Style: First, Mr D Elfed Jones; second, Mr Colin Bowen; third, Mr Peter Alderslade.

Class 4 General purpose or Semi-Digger (Classic) 1960-1976: First, Mr Michael G Holloway; second, Mr Stuart Burden; third, Mr Philip Meek.

Class 5 Vintage Ploughing – Trailer: First, Mr Michael Watkins; Second, Mr Ralph Horner; =third, Mr Brian Curtis, =third, Mr Keith Williams.

Class 6 Vintage Ploughing – Hydraulic: First, Mr Richard Ingram; second, Mr Afan Jones; =third, Mr John Lewis; =third Mr Anthony Bradley.

Class 7 High Cut: First, Mr Vernon Davies; second, Mr Robert Irving; third, Mr Derek Needham.

Class 8 Ferguson T20 with Standard Ferguson Plough and Top Link: First, Mr Robert Godfrey; second, Mr Gwilym Pritchard; third, Mr Andrew Drinkwater.

Class 9 Horse Ploughing – General Purpose: First, Mr Dafydd Roberts; second, Ms Jane Muntz-Torres.

Class 10 Horse Ploughing – High Cut: First, Mr Jim Reynolds; second, Mr Roger Smith; third, Mr John Fletcher.

Class 11 Best Turnout (Horse Ploughing): First, Ms Jane Muntz-Torres; second, Mr John Fletcher; third, Mr Dafydd Roberts.

Class 12 Best Working Team of Horses: First, Mr Jim Reynolds; second, Ms Jane Muntz-Torres; third, Mr Dafydd Roberts

HEDGING

Class 13 Glamorgan Style Open Championship: First, Mr James Liley; second, Mr Geraint Jones; third, Mr Morgan Llewellyn.

Class 14 Any Other Style Open Champion: First, Mr Richard D Lewis; second, Mr Keith Lawrence; third, Mr Roger Minchin.

Class 15 Any Style – Under 26: First, Mr Richard T Gethin; second, Mr Gethin Jones.

Class 16 Mechanical Hedge Cutting: First, Mr Peter Thomas; second, Mr Jonathan Davies; third, Mr Phil Robbins.

WIRE FENCING

Class 17 Open Pairs: First, Mr Meirion Davies and Mr Jonathan Sear; second, Mr John Thomas and Mr Charlie Thomas.

Champion Welsh Tractor Ploughman: Mr Evan Watkin.

Reserve Welsh Champion Ploughman: Mr Vernon Davies.

Champion Welsh Reversible Tractor Ploughman: Mr Elfed Jones.

Welsh Representatives to World Contest: Conventional –Mr Evan Watkin; Reversible – Mr D Elfed Jones .

The Evan Davies Trophy: Best Young Ploughman under 26 years on January 1,2000 for the best work in any class – Mr Iestyn E James.

Border Fine Arts: Champion Horse Ploughman – Wales – Mr Jim Reynolds.

The Richard and Heather March Trophy: Best work in semi-digger under 26 class –Mr Iestyn E James.

The Monmouthshire Perpetual Trophy: Highest placed Monmouthshire ploughman – Mr Philip Meek.

CLA Trophy: Champion Hedger –Mr Richard D Lewis.

Special prize for the best work done by a Kverneland Plough – Mr Evan Watkin.

Special prize for the best work done by a David Brown Tractor and Plough in the Classic Class – Mr Jeremy Jacobs.

Special prize for the best work done by a David Brown Tractor and Plough in the Vintage Class – Mr Huw Owen Griffiths.

PHOTOGRAPHS by HEATHER MARCH.

ABOVE: Off to represent Wales in the world ploughig championships are Evan Watkin and Elfed Jones.

ABOVE: James Liley from Llanharan was the champion hedger.

ABOVE and BELOW: These photographs from the dog display staged on the day were taken by Mr Brian Acott.

ABOVE: A threshing machine in action.

FUN RIDE A BIG HIT

PHOTOGRAPHS by HEATHER MARCH

THE Glamorgan Hunt recently organised a fun ride through farmland and open country (with optional jumps).

The event catered for riders of all ages and horses and ponies of all abilities. In lovely weather, everyone seemed to have a smile.

The hunt is organising an open hunter trial on Sunday, October 3, at Alps Park, Wenvoe. Telephone 07798 903781 or go to www.glamorganhunt.com for further information.

LLANDOW'S DAY OF LOTUS RACING BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES OF A LONG-GONE ERA

LLANDOW Race Circuit recently staged a day of motor racing for devotees of the Lotus seven sports car.

The 'vintage' racing cars, all lovingly maintained by enthusiasts, brought back memories of Fangio and Mike Hawthorne, as the golden days of motor racing came to the Vale.

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Cowbridge under-11 rugby stars show really big improvement

AS our intended fixture with Sully Sports was cancelled, we travelled west for a hastily arranged fixture with Mumbles and Dunvant.

Strangely, our injury list suddenly grew longer and we were left with only 14 players for the match.

The first game was against Mumbles and both sides threw themselves into the contest with no quarter given at the tackle and ruck area.

Both teams attempted to move the ball wide but were guilty of basic errors at crucial moments. Cowbridge eventually forced the play deep into the home side's half.

Mumbles then spilled the ball over the try line and like all good scrum-halves, Ioan Lewis pounced on the loose ball to open the scoring. Mumbles then carried the ball deep in the Cowbridge 22 and the ball was moved wide for an excellent try.

Half-time: Mumbles 5 Cowbridge 5.

The second half saw much of the same and while Cowbridge edged the possession and territory, they came up against excellent defence from the Mumbles boys.

Full time: Mumbles 5 Cowbridge 5.

The second game saw us up against Dunvant. After a rocket from the coaches, the Cowbridge boys would dominate the match and eliminate the missed tackles from the earlier encounter.

Captain Jac Roberts, Sam Corkill, Cameron Roy, Dan Taylor, Dylan Cottle and Tom Jose were excellent up front while Ioan Lewis, Rhys Bradshaw, Bevan Howells, James Guard, Luke Beattie, Angus James, Oliver Reynolds and Tom Coates constantly tested the opposition out wide.

Dunvant, to their credit, tackled everything thrown at them, but Cowbridge always had the upper hand and thanks to tries from Bevan Howells (5), Rhys Bradshaw (2), Luke Beattie and James Guard, ran out winners 45-0.

Full squad: Angus James, Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dan Taylor, Dylan Cottle, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, James Guard, Luke Beattie, Oliver Reynolds, Rhys Bradshaw, Sam Corkill, Tom Coates, Tom Jose.

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Nathan stars as under-13s start season with victory

COWBRIDGE under-13s visited Sully on Sunday on a bright and sunny day ideal for adventurous rugby.

The Cowbridge pack got off to a good start securing quick ball at all of the early breakdowns which allowed the backs to attack their opponents.

From such a breakdown, the backs moved the ball to new boy Nathan Robson whose power and speed hitting the defensive line enabled him to break through and gallop 40 metres over for the first try which was converted by Matt Harper.

Within 10 minutes, the same play enabled Nathan to score an almost identical try which again was converted by Matt Harper to give a comfortable 14-0 lead.

The Cowbridge pack was really working well against a very large and physical Sully unit and again a ball worked along the backs was passed through to Gabe Newham, who dodged around a handful of defenders to score Cowbridge's third try.

Half-time score: Cowbridge 19 - Sully 0.

The Cowbridge coaches started making a number of personnel changes in the second half and despite the boys needing to re-work their playing style, it led to tries for Ashford Thomas and a hat-trick try for Nathan Robson – both tries ably converted by Matt Harper.

The boys then let their foot off the gas a bit which led to Sully scoring two deserved tries, one of which was converted, to finalise a score of Cowbridge 33 Sully 10. Not a bad start to the season after last week's 33-10 win against Rumney RFC.

Cowbridge team: Cai Thomas Jenkins, Josh Brace, George Thomas, Tom Evans, Jac Davies, Tom , Luke John, Ben Jones, Frazz McGann, Nathan Robson, Hywel Williams, Ashford Thomas, Jonny Harvey, Liam Sloane, Gabriel Newham, Rian Thomas, Harvey Stockwell, Matt Harper,Tom Lucas, Miles Davies, Aled Evans and Olly Brown.

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Cowbridge RFC players respond to a half time blast and win in Dinas

A WIN, at last, away at Dinas Powys last Saturday, although there were some nervy moments along the way as Cowbridge ran out winners by 17-20.

It was Dinas who opened the scoring after only two minutes when, from a scrum in their 22, their full-back set off on a run up the left wing and then passed inside to the powerful left wing to cross under the post for a converted score.

Dinas had their tails up and it took a great tackle from Cowbridge full-back Richie Howson to stop another strong run from their full-back.

On the 15-minute mark on the Dinas 22, No 8 Steve Birchenough picked up and fed scrum-half Dewi Edwards, who skilfully delayed his pass to put Richie Howson, at pace through a gap and score a converted try under the posts.

On the 25-minute mark, a kick ahead was fielded by the Dinas outside-half who broke left and using his full-back, the ball went to the left wing to score again.

About to take the conversion, the ball toppled over and the outside-half had to quickly attempt a drop kick, which fortunately went wide.

On 35 minutes, hooker Rhys Price was yellow-carded having been adjudged to have interfered with a quick tap penalty.

Cowbridge came under pressure in the last few minutes with Rhys off the field, culminating in a try, this time for the right wing, that went unconverted.

After half-time blast from the coaches that stripped the bark off nearby trees, Cowbridge came back out for the second half in no doubt what they had to do.

David Popham came into the front row for Dai Nicholson, and then five minutes and 10 minutes into the half, penalties were put over to narrow the score.

As Cowbridge took the game to Dinas there was great driving play from Tom Llewellyn at second row, flanker Luke Boys and Birchenough.

On the 25-minute mark, Cowbridge gained a penalty from a scrum that went wide, but also resulted in an injury to Steve Birchenough and Dai Breed came on.

As Dinas pressed and Cowbridge defended for their lives, centre Liam Rowlands was forced off with an injury.

With Birchenough off, there was some great lineout work by Llewellyn to give Cowbridge possession.

Then, in the last few minutes, Cowbridge won a penalty only 15 metres out and took the decision to kick for touch. Cowbridge then won another penalty which they took quickly.

Dinas did not retire 10 metres and so another penalty, and from this one Dewi Edwards justified the decision not to kick for goal by diving between bodies to score a converted try that put Cowbridge in front.

Right at the end, Dinas attacked down the left and their final pass to put the winger clear was forward and, to great relief, the referee blew his whistle. Final score 17-20. Phew!

A great team effort and this week better play behind the scrum with a good first try neatly crafted.

No-one can get carried away, though, because there is much to work on, but commitment and determination not to lose were the foundations for the victory.

Unfortunately, Dinas had their revenge at home with their youth team far too strong for Cowbridge where they ran out easy winners.

This week, the First XV are at home to Canton with the Second XV due to play away at Seaview (Barry) and it would be great to see both teams in action.

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Family Notices

JAMES, Kristopher Gareth
Aged 32 of Llantwit Major
Tragically lost on the 8th of September in a road traffic accident near Hamburg, Germany. Devoted Father of Scarlett, much loved Son of Delyth and Gareth, dearly loved Brother to Karen and Rob and Uncle to Evan and Rees. Will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
A celebration of his life to be held on Thursday 30th September at 10.45am at St Illtuds Church followed by burial at Boverton Cemetery. All are welcome to join family and friends at the White Lion pub to remember Kris.

CADMAN, Eileen
The family would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and sympathy shown to them during their very sudden loss of Mum, who was loved by everyone.
Very many thanks to all who attended the funeral and for the cards and messages of sympathy received. Also for the donations in memory of Mum for Cancer Research Wales.

JONES David Gareth
Peacefully on September 24 at Milsom House, St Athan, Gareth of Ystradowen.
Beloved husband of Anita, dearly loved father of Huw, Philip and Justin, dear father-in-law of Alona, Denice and Justine, cherished by all his grandchildren. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon.
Funeral Monday October 4, service 1.45pm at Ystradowen Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

PEARCE Marjorie Elizabeth
The family would like to thank the respiratory team at Llandough Hospital, Father Malcolm Davies, W. James and Sons and Hilary West. Also, all Marjorie's friends for their kind wishes and memories shared.

Public Notices

Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 – Notice Under Article 6
Mr J Bryant is to appeal to the National Assembly for Wales against the Vale of Glamorgan Council's decision to refuse outline planning permission for the erection of 1(No) detached dwelling on land adjacent to 91 Main Road, Ogmore-By-Sea. Any owner of the land who wishes to make representations about the appeal should write to: Planning Inspectorate, Crown Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

Wedding Announcement

Chris and Mike Williamson are very proud to announce the wedding of their daughter Hannah, formerly of Llantwit Major, to Peter Henry of Brisbane, Australia.
The ceremony took place at The Barn at Brynich, near Brecon, on September 25, 2010. The reception was held nearby at the Pen Pont Estate.
A beautiful day, in wonderful countryside, with very special people. We wish them love, joy and happiness as they start their new life together in Sydney, Australia.

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The Cowbridge squash club members prepare for 'competitive' season

IT'S that time of year again! The time when Cowbridge squash team players put in that little extra effort to prepare for the new season.

There is a noticeable increase in activity around the club after a summer of just "ticking over" to keep "one's hand(s) in".

The new season starts the week beginning Monday, October 4, but already the B team squad have been in action with a friendly match against higher opposition in the form of Fairwater A; going down 1–4 but in a series of competitive encounters despite being a few players short.

The real stuff starts with a home fixture against UWIC B in South Glamorgan Division One on Thursday, October 7 when the team is chosen from the regular personalities of Steve Morris, Paul Reynish, Chris Ranger, Richard Ford, Colin Baxter, Julian Jenkins, Russ Watts, Chris Harris and Ade Fisher (if fit!), plus the addition of the youthful Alex Voake to front up the team at No 1.

The Bs will also be entertaining teams from Old Penarthians, Rhiwbina, St Mellons and Llanishen.

The Cowbridge A team will be playing Cardiff Academicals, South Wales Police, Caldicot B, Rhiwbina B and David Lloyd's A in trying to further the highest level of league squash witnessed at Cowbridge ever.

Currently aiming for a fourth consecutive promotion (from South Wales Division Two East A) will be the hard core team of Nick Guard (captain), Jon Bisson,Garfield Leask, Simon Payne and Niall Sloan.

Meanwhile the C team will be looking to bounce back from South Glamorgan Division Three with visits to and from Fairwater B, David Lloyd's C, Rhiwbina E, UHW A and Barry Leisure B.

New captain Dave Matthews will be looking to steer his team of stalwarts (Colin Giles, Hugh Wallace, Tony Steele, Phil Matthews, Mike Burnett) plus new squad member Ed Lowe to higher climes.

The Junior Section (ages 7 to 14) has already started its winter programme under the careful guidance of coaches Niall Sloan and Julie Clode and continues to grow in strength.

Membership is always open to all levels – further details may be obtained from Chairman Clive Prigg on 01446 773729 or from club skipper russ.watts@btopenworld.com.

RUSS WATTS

SULLY SPORTS B FC LOOKS TO BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Back row (left to right): W Lamb, C Williams, M Case, K Ball, D Cooper, M Ursell, A Owen, J McCann, K Lewis, D Brown, A Bekker, R James, R Evans. Front row (left to right): G Flanders, J Burdge, J Lamb, S Lamb, S Hulland, J Barnett.

SULLY Sports B (football team) has recently acquired new home and away football strips with kind sponsorship from New Broad Street Motors Ltd of Broad Street Barry.

The team have a record of two wins, two draws and three losses to date, but with a bit more composure at those crucial moments it is envisaged that the boys will start increasing that all important win ratio.

Connor stars with an instoppable hat-trick of tries

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC under-10s v BRIDGEND SPORTS

GREENS

WHAT a beautiful sunny Sunday morning for two local rivals to take on each other.

It was Sports to kick off and Sam Veasey caught the ball well for the Ath. Sam made good ground with good support from the Ath team.

The Ath attacked with Teo picking up the ball and driving well with the support of the pack, but once again the Sports managed to defend well right on the try line with a tackle into touch.

The Sports managed to clear their lines with a kick up field which was caught by Sam Veasey, who passed it to Connor Fabian, who made a great run up field.

Then a fantastic pick-up by Jack Obbard ended with Connor, who weaved his way up the field to score a try which was converted by Jamie Marshall, taking the score to 7-0.

The Ath managed to keep the pressure up with the Sports doing some great defending. It wasn't long before the next try came with Sam Veasey making a fantastic run down the touch line and going over the line.

The conversion was missed which meant the half-time score was Bridgend Ath 12 Bridgend Sports 0.

The Ath kicked off the second half and began where they left off in the first half, putting pressure on the Sports. Sam scored again in the top corner. Jamie Marshall converted to make the score 19-0.

A great pick up by Connor Fabian allowed him to go over for the fourth try, which was converted by Jamie Marshall making it 26-0.

From another Ath scrum, Dafydd Beach passed out to Connor Fabian who went over for his third try. Jamie Marshall converted to make the score 33-0.

Teo Fillis was replaced by Morgan Evans who straightaway got hold of the ball and made good headway up field.

The Sports kicked downfield which was taken fantastically by Megan Webb, who dodged in and out to go over the try line and Connor Fabian converted, making it 40-0 at the final whistle.

Greens: Louis King, Jack Obbard, Jade Thomas, Thomas Anthony, Teo Fillis, Daffydd Beach, Conner Fabian, Jamie Marshall, Kasari Mehta, Sam Veasey, Ffion Revill, Charles Creffield, Morgan Evans, Megan Webb and Lance Burn.

YELLOWS

THE Ath kicked off and the Sports took the ball well and moved up field.

It was the Sports who got on the scoresheet first with a try which was converted to make it 7-0.

Half-time score: Bridgend Ath 0 Bridgend Sports 7.

The Sports made a good interception and scored their second try, which was converted making it 14-0.

The Ath were defending really well under pressure. Megan Webb made a quick break and passed out to Louis King, who went over the line with Christopher Hart converting to take the score line to 7-14.

The Sports came back strongly with four more unanswered tries, taking the score to 40-7.

Full credit to the Yellows as they held their heads high and battled until the end.

Some good driving from the pack saw the Ath come close to getting another try, but were stopped short by some great defending from the Sports.

Final score: Ath Yellows 7, Bridgend Sports 40.

Yellows: Morgan Evans, Brandon Fooks, Taine Waite, James Hermolle, Charles Creffield, Josh Tidy, Christopher Hart, Megan Webb, Lance Burn, William Goodall, Louis King, Ffion Revill, Conner Fabian, Kasari Mehta, Sam Veasey.

LISA REVILL

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Development in Conservation Areas
Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00953/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Two storey extension and single storey swimming pool building
Location:/Lleoliad: Pikel House, Cowbridge Road, St. Nicholas
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth St. Nicholas

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00963/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of two, four stack dipole antennas on free-standing grillage and ancillary development with the equipment located within an internal equipment room at ground level
Location:/Lleoliad: Barry Island Gym, Paget Road, Barry
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Barry (Marine)

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00976/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of replacement wall in natural stone
Location:/Lleoliad: Hawthorns, Gadlys Lane, Llanmaes
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Llanmaes

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00990/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Extension of dwelling to provide a sun lounge, new garage and car port on ground floor. Change of use of existing garage to form a lounge, Extension of bedrooms 2 & 5 on first floor.
Location:/Lleoliad: Sweetings, Llanquian Road, Aberthin, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:
Ardal Gadwraeth Aberthin

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00942/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Remove two columns from kiosk to open up front elevation onto promenade. Remove three air vents and install three windows on rear elevation.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Promenade Cafe, The Promenade, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00949/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed work will involve emergency repair to the building's fabric. This includes timber truss and beam repairs, repair and replacement of stone casement windows, replacement of timber lintels, localised consolidation of loose sections of masonry and repair of the south elevation stonework and rainwater goods.
Location:/Lleoliad: Fonmon Castle, Fonmon, Nr. Barry
Listed Building:/
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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00987/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Extension of dwelling to provide a sun lounge, new garage and car port on ground floor. Change of use of existing garage to form a lounge, Extension of bedrooms 2 & 5 on first floor.
Location:/Lleoliad: Sweetings, Llanquian Road, Aberthin, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00971/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: New workshop and store to replace former building on same site now collapsed
Location:/Lleoliad: Cwrt yr Ala , Unclassified Road, Michaelston le Pit
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Cwrt yr Ala House, The Old Dairy and The Cottage, all Grade II Listed Buildings*

Application No:/
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Location:/Lleoliad: Sweetings, Llanquian Road, Aberthin, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF
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Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00799/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing joinery and glass factory and construction of ten, two and three bedroom linked houses, with off street parking and private gardens
Location:/Lleoliad: P & A Joinery & Glazing, Herbert Street and Gilbert Street, Barry

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00961/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Two storey cafe with external seating at ground floor level and a terrace at first floor
Location:/Lleoliad: Boverton Road, Llantwit Major

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way
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Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00957/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed retention of barn converted to dwelling.
Location:/Lleoliad: Unit 02, Seaview, St. Athan

Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan
Ceisiadau nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â Darpariaeth y Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/00944/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of two detached dwellings and garages, re-alignment of access to site together with the demolition of existing precast 'ATCOST' type farm buildings
Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to New Parc Farm, St. Donats

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WEATHER STAYS DRY AS RACERS VIE FOR GLORY

LLANDOW Kart Club was blessed with another dry weekend as 65 competitors turned out to do battle in the eighth round of its summer championship.

ABOVE: George Alp-Williams came out on top of a burgeoning Bambino class at Llandow Kart Club in August.

As usual, with the culmination of a season's endeavours drawing ever nearer, the on-track action was both fierce and contentious, but it was the time trialists in the new-for-2010 Bambino class that caught the eye.

The Llandow club enjoyed its biggest turnout of 6-7 year olds, with five runners taking to the track in search of their best individual lap time. The Bambino format does not permit any form of racing between competitors, and drivers are classified – and rewarded – according to their performance against a given target time.

Despite the close competition, George Alp-Williams emerged as the weekend's winner, posting the best time in two of the three heats, and then doing so again in the final. Fellow newcomer Ffion Rees denied Alp-Williams a clean sweep by claiming the second run of the day, but was denied a spot in the final top three as Jake Bagley and August round winner Morgan Chell completed the podium.

Cadet Honda numbers were up slightly on the previous month, with a dozen drivers in action, and enjoying track time without their Honda brethren. Yousuf Ashraf took the opening heat, and followed that up with second behind Ross Thomas in heat two, but thereafter it was August winner Ari White to the fore, claiming heat three and the final. Ashraf took runners-up honours ahead of Thomas, the pair having shared the front row.

The Comer Cadet class also saw its number swelled by an additional starter, but an acrimonious weekend ended in drama as frontrunners Harry Williams and Owen Griffiths saw their participation culminate in the clerk of the course's office after a final lap clash.

Prior to that, the pair had shared the heat wins, with Williams getting the nod for pole and leading until the penultimate lap, when emotions boiled over. Although Griffiths went on to take the chequered flag, he joined Williams – who was accused of blocking – in being disqualified from the race. Lewis Griffiths gratefully accepted the final victory, ahead of Scott Morris and Tylor Ballard.

By contrast, there were just three Honda Junior entries and, while the racing was close, no-one had an answer for Jamie Warren, who claimed victory each time the trio ventured out. Similarly, Alex Thomas continued her strong recent form with second place in each race, while August winner Lloyd Sealy took third spot.

A dozen Junior Rotax drivers turned out for the weekend, but Joshua Collings proved to be the one to beat, winning the opening pair of heats and going on to take the final by a massive 11 seconds.

Josh Gray proved to be Collings' closest opposition on the result sheet, adding second place in the final to a brace of thirds from the heats, but the spot had been filled on the track by Macauley Austin, who was subsequently disqualified for having the wrong chassis number on his scrutineering card.

Dean Clayton inherited the final podium spot, denying regular frontrunners Adam Berwick and Ryan Wheeler, who were classified fourth and fifth after failing to reach the chequered flag in race one, and Oliver Pidgely, who faded to ninth in the final after claiming two runners-up spots in the heats.

Minimax winner Morgan Rose was even more dominant than Collings, claiming victory in each of the four races to deny James Williams, who finished second three times on the day. Lewis Malin got the better of the Delta Karting driver in heat one, but could do nothing about either Williams or Rose in the main event.

Junior TKM 2-Stroke again saw Sebastian Hutchinson win the opening heat, and the second, but an early exit in race three ended hopes of a clean sweep. Ross Chell stepped up to claim the victory, but had to watch as Hutchinson took the honours in the final, despite leading until the penultimate lap.

Chell didn't even make the podium, finishing sixth as the consistent Jack Love – who finished in the top three in every race – and Niall Williams rounded out the top three. Ryan Jones was the only 4-Stroke runner, and finished third on the road in the combined final.

Newly-crowned 'O' Plate champion Ferdinand Ball started raceday with a victory as he attempted to complete a hat-trick of overall wins, but thereafter had to settle for second best as Welsh champion Simon Evans took top spot in each of the remaining heats and the final. Ball was forced to chase veteran Paul Saunders for the first half of the race, but eventually claimed second on the road in what could be his last appearance at Llandow.

Although numbers were down on recent meetings, and below a few of the junior classes, Senior Rotax continued to provide some of the best racing, even if reigning Welsh champion Dan Jones claimed victory in each of the three heats. Any thoughts of complete domination ended on the dummy grid, however, as Jones' kart failed to fire, leaving the road clear for someone else to take the honours in the main event.

Chris Davis, who had led the chase of Jones throughout the heats, was a deserving winner, although Ashley Davies and Shaun Fulford kept him honest to the end. Wayne Stone was again the only runner in the Max 177 category.

RESULTS

BAMBINO – 1, George Alp-Williams; 2, Jake Bagley (Tony); 3, Morgan Chell (CRG).
CADET HONDA – 1, Ari White (Project One); 2, Yousuf Ashraf (Project One); 3, Ross Thomas (Wright).
CADET COMER – 1, Lewis Griffiths (Zip); 2, Scott Morris; 3, Tylor Ballard (Zip).
JUNIOR HONDA – 1, Jamie Warren (Wright); 2, Alex Thomas (Jade); 3, Lloyd Sealy (MS).
JUNIOR TKM 2-STROKE – 1, Sebastian Hutchinson (Intrepid); 2, Jack Love (Gillard); 3, Niall Williams (JKH).
JUNIOR TKM 4-STROKE – 1, Ryan Jones (CRG).
JUNIOR ROTAX – 1, Josh Collings (CRG); 2, Josh Grey; 3, Dean Clayton (Alonso).
MINI MAX – 1, Morgan Rose (Tonykart); 2, James Williams (Tonykart); 3, Lewis Malin (Tonykart).
SENIOR HONDA – 1, Simon Evans (7Kart); 2, Ferdinand Ball (MS); 3, Paul Saunders (7Kart).
SENIOR ROTAX – 1, Chris Davis (Storm); 2, Ashley Davies (Intrepid); 3, Shaun Fulford (CRG).
ROTAX 177 – 1, Wayne Stone (Tonykart).

Report: Craig Llewellyn
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Gethin the hero as Llantwit Reserves reach double figures

Cadoxton Imps	**1**
Llantwit Major Reserves	**10**

LLANTWIT MAJOR reserves travelled to lowly Cadoxton Imps at the home of football in Barry.

Llantwit were looking for their third straight win in a row, which would move them up to second in the VOGAFL table.

Joint managers Callard and Grafton were keen to drum home a sense of urgency into their players as complacency had cost the Major in previous games which they were expected to win.

This seemed to work as the visitors started brightly and were a goal up courtesy of Craig Bright after some fine play by Gethin Jennings.

The early goal seemed to give the visitors an air of over-confidence and they started making uncharacteristic errors, giving the ball away far too cheaply.

The referee was also adding to the visitors' frustrations by awarding some contentious decisions.

Llantwit were still creating chances at will, largely due to the pace of Bright and White in attack, ably supported by wingers Gethin Jennings and James Hartley.

On the half hour mark, Bright had an easy chance to notch his second of the game but woefully scuffed his shot. Fortunately for Bright his partner in crime White was on hand to save his blushes and nodded into the net from close range.

The outstanding Jennings added Llantwit's third just before the interval.

Manager Grafton gave the uninspired players the hair-dryer treatment at half-time to try and jump start the lethargic visitors.

This seemed to work to a degree as the Major did raise their game after the break, however still way below their capabilities shown in their last two displays.

Gethin Jennings again proved to be a thorn in the home team's side, cutting through the Imp's defence like a hot knife through butter time and again.

During one of his forays, Jennings added his second of the game with a fine finish after good work by Dan Major. Not wanting to be completely outshone by his fellow wing-man, the industrious James Hartley got in on the act adding number five shortly after.

Following another flowing move, the home defender stuck out his arm in desperation as White ghosted past him, with the ball striking said arm the referee had no option but to award a penalty.

Designated penalty taker Owen Morris stepped up to slot the ball past the keeper with ease, only for the referee to decide that Llantwit players had encroached into the penalty area before the ball was struck, thus ordering a retake.

Morris, seemingly basking in the added pressure, nonchalantly rolled the ball into the net again for the visitor's sixth.

The impressive Jennings was again at his mercurial best straight from the restart picking up the ball and dancing past two defender before floating an exquisite chip into the far corner of the Cadoxton net for his hat-trick.

With the game over as a contest Llantwit made three changes, bringing on substitutes Tom Howles, Luke Vincent and Rob Grapes.

Grapes was straight into the action being played through by Dan Major and with his first touch of the game unleashed an unstoppable punt that had the strained home net bulging again.

Luke Vincent soon followed suit, amid heckles from the visiting support, he sent a piledriver whistling into the top corner with his weak foot.

Youth player Tom Howles joined his fellow substitutes on the score sheet after a cross shot sailed into the net for his first goal in senior football to round off Llantwit's goal scoring feats.

The home team, to their credit, did not stop working while also trying to play football for the whole 90 minutes. The Imps got a much-deserved consolation goal with a fine long range shot that caught unemployed keeper Callard off guard.

Man of the match was awarded to hat-trick hero Gethin Jennings. who is beginning to fulfil his potential.

Llantwit Team: D Callard, O Morris, P Grafton, L Tracey (capt), J Grahame, G Watts, D Major, J Hartley, G Jennings, D White, C Bright. Subs: R Grapes, L Vincent, T Howles, J Harries

Mortimore bags four as Sunday Saints progress to next round of the Cup

DIVISION ONE CUP FIRST ROUND	
Sunday Saints FC	**5**
Railway	**1**

SAINTS bounced back from last week's defeat to get back to winning ways after a late flurry and yet another Jordan Mortimore hat-trick, to advance to the quarter finals of the Division One cup.

Railway looked up for it and tested Gareth Richards early on from a corner.

Saints came back as Leigh Lewis fed Mortimore, but Mortimore put his effort wide.

Moments later, Reece Lewis got in behind the defence and centred for Mortimore but the prolific front man screwed the side foot wide.

Tom Roberts then put one of his long range efforts the wrong side of the post.

Saints pushed for the opener and got what they deserved as a corner was only half cleared, and James Austin picked out Mortimore who rose to head the ball home.

Saints looked to double their lead and a corner dropped to Dean Cleave in the box, but his shot was parried well by the visiting keeper.

The second half saw a great move where Alan Lawson battled his way down the left to find Leigh Lewis who exchanged passes with Mortimore to tee up Reece Lewis, but he could only fire narrowly wide.

Saints pushed on for the second but found themselves caught out at times and it took a few last ditch tackles from skipper Cox to deny the away attack.

The back four of Collings, Cox, Morgans and Lawson tackled well and hassled their opponents all game as they looked hell bent on a clean sheet to get their side through.

Saints finally got their second as Reece Lewis was put in behind the defence again and his centre saw Cleave fire in via a deflection for his fourth of the season.

Saints were in their stride and the ball fell to sub Andrew Casey in the box, who tried to scramble the ball in but it squirmed out to Mortimore, who smashed in his second of the game.

Richards was called into action as the Railway looked to lob him straight from the kick off but Richards just managed to tip the ball over.

Saints made it four as they broke forward and Leigh Lewis tormented the defence and put in Mortimore, who finished well across the keeper for his hat-trick.

The Saints scoring was complete when Cleave found Casey out wide and his looping cross saw Mortimore head the ball past the on coming keeper for his fourth of the game, and eleventh of the season.

The Railway did pull one back with the last kick of the game as a half cleared effort was turned back into the box and knocked in from six yards.

A good solid showing from Saints, showing patience in their build up to breakdown a resilient Railway side as they advanced to the quarter finals to set up a home clash with Ynysmaerdy.

No game next week, but the week after it is back to league action as second place Saints travel to the table-topping Bush of Maesteg.

Honourable mentions go to the almost impenetrable Nicky Cox at the back and the reactions of Gareth Richards in goal, but man of the match today after a four goal haul has to be Jordan Mortimore.

Many thanks to Lafarge Cement (Aberthaw Works), The Kinsale Stone Company (Wales) Ltd for sponsorship of the team and to Roy and Cyndy at the Four Bells, St Athan for their continued support for the team.

Also, a big thank you to Graham Harry for refereeing the game at short notice.

Saints FC: G Richards, R Collings (B Hunt on 70), A Lawson, N Cox (capt), G Morgans (R West on 64), T Roberts, J Austin (A Casey on 84), D Cleave, L Lewis, R Lewis, J Mortimore. Subs: R West, B Hunt, A Casey.

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Barry under-8s win a close local encounter

BARRY under-8s RFC travelled the short distance to Penarth to play Old Penarthians on Sunday morning for two fixtures.

The first match saw Barry get off to a flying start as Dafydd Parry-Griffiths went over in the first few minutes for a fine try.

The game then went Barry's way as they managed to turn the ball over on a number of occasions and Cole Saunders managed to run in a few more tries.

The second half saw the players from Barry stepping up their defence and allowing the home side little ball.

Further tries came from Dafydd Parry-Griffiths, Cole Saunders (4) Brandon Phillips, Jack Roberts (2), Iestyn Escott and Elen Rudolph.

This completed a very solid all round performance in their first game of the season.

In the second match, Barry started very brightly against a speedy looking home team. Tries from Seb and Ethan Galsworthy (2) saw the visitors 3-1 the better at halftime.

Barry switched off for a 5-minute period, but soon regained control as Seb ran in two long distance tries to seal a 5-4 victory.

Well done to all that took part on Sunday; there was some very good rugby played by all the players.

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Bridgend Six-a-side

PAUL NASH ensured that Day Sleepers' slim Bridgend Six-a-side title challenge is still alive as they eased to a 4-0 victory over Blackjack.

Croissants took a big step towards the title, however, as they edged past rivals B Attack by the solitary goal to nil, despite the best efforts of Stuart Jackman for the defeated.

The top two crossed swords in Division One, and neither Dead End Jobs or Persil Boys could find a winner in a 1-1 stalemate, Glynn Davies starring for the latter.

Hardly Athletic took full advantage of the leaders face off as Ethan Morris ensured a commanding 3-0 triumph over Minter Phoenix.

Anyone who wants to join the Six-a-side football leagues in Bridgend can ring 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Cavaliers look back on a year of high achievement and drama

LLANTWIT Major Cavaliers cricket club was given a massive boost before a ball was bowled, when club chairman Neal Pritchard, youth organiser and Second XI captain Phil Harris, and club stalwart Tim Bunce, accepted the Llantwit Major Citizens Award. It was presented by the Mayor and Matthew Maynard's mother as fitting reward for the hard work and dedication of the president, committee, players, parents, and supporters of Llantwit Major Cavaliers cricket club.

It was particularly pleasing to see Tim get recognition for years of dedication and hard work.

Llantwit's first pre-season friendly was away to Barry Athletic and, despite some good bowling by Llantwit, the hosts reached 200 for 5. Julian Griffiths hit a fine 66 in reply but the Cavs finished up 34 runs adrift.

The following day, the Sunday XI travelled to Barry Wanderers with skipper Nigel Allison stroking a confident half century and Julian Griffiths carrying his bat for a superb 152 not out.

Chasing 319 to win, the Wanderers found the Cavs bowlers in equally good form, with Jono Cheal (3-38) and Dave Cheal (2-4) superb!

In the Cup, the Cavs lost to Pencoed, despite a fine spell of 4-16 by Ed Pickford. Pencoed reached 197 for 8. Opener Julian Griffiths maintained his excellent start to the season with some fine drives in his 66, but Llantwit eventually succumbed 64 runs short.

The league campaign got under way with the Second XI beating Cefn Forest. Ed Pickford (60) and James Huxtable (53) helped post a good score, while on the bowling front Andrew Williams got a four-wicket haul and Phil Harris three.

The First XI game was washed out but the following week saw wins for both the Firsts and the Seconds.

The First XI beat Cross Keys, Julian Griffiths again top scoring with 88. James Snelson posted figures of 4 for 28 and 16-year-old Andrew Williams caught the eye, taking two wickets, two catches and ending the match with a sharp run out.

The Seconds were boosted by an excellent 90 from openers Shane Callard with skipper for the day Ed Pickford turning in figures of 5 for 29 to see off Monkswood.

On the Sunday, in a friendly fixture, Llantwit put their Cup defeat behind them when they beat Pencoed by 120 runs. Julian Griffiths hit a majestic 74, and then tight bowling from Jono and Dave Cheal, Mark Dowling, Julian Griffiths and young Cameron Sleeth scuttled Pencoed.

Back to the league and May 15 saw a club record opening partnership of 294 runs for Julian Griffiths and Mark Caldwell as Christchurch were put to the sword.

Griffiths plundered a brilliant 166 not out and Caldwell finished on 93, agonisingly short of what would have been a well-deserved century.

Griffiths completed a memorable day by taking 4 for 43, including a hat-trick, while James Snelson was his usual fiery self claiming 3 for 13.

The following week, James Snelson and Mike Wood eased the Cavs to a win over Great Western in Bridgend, while the Seconds produced an excellent batting display to beat Lisvane, with Gareth Hughes seeing the Cavs home with a personal best of 76 not out.

Another youngster, Frasier Wheatley took 3 for 13 off 7 overs to restrict Lisvane to 176 for 7.

The Sunday XI also produced a superb all round performance with skipper Jono Cheal taking 4 for 13 and the experienced Mark Dowling grabbing a brace. Cavs openers Mark Caldwell 40 not out and Julian Griffiths 97 not out took just 23 overs to knock off the runs.

The Midweek XI also continued to excel with the in-form Julian Griffiths again scoring 97 not out! Against Barry Wanderers, Jake McNaughton gave a great all-round performance to remove the middle order with three crucial wickets and Jono Cheal produced two absolutely unplayable deliveries to leave Llantwit winners by 14 runs.

May ended with the Midweek XI continuing their unbeaten run with an emphatic win over Penarth. Julian Griffiths' imperious batting continued with a staggering 103 not out. Pick of the Llantwit bowlers was Dave Russell with 2 for 14.

The newly-formed Midweek Colts XI found their first win with Sam Pickford, Pete Lansdown, Frasier Wheatley and Ed Pickford getting runs.

The Sunday XI continued their winning ways with an impressive defeat of visitors Pontypridd.

Youth team player Andrew Williams produced a match-winning hat-trick before Julian Griffiths, Sam Pickford and Harry Withers knocked off the runs as Llantwit won by nine wickets.

The highlight of May was undoubtedly the fantastic achievement of opening batsman Julian Griffiths, who amassed an incredible 1,081 runs in May with three tons and seven 50s in just 12 innings. Together with his brilliant fielding and fast bowling, he is a role model for aspiring young cricketers and at just 24 years of age, Julian has a great future ahead of him.

June began with the Midweek Cavaliers thumping Pencoed. Jono, Julian and Dave Cheal produced miserly spells before Dave Russell (3 for 13) and young Tom Gingell (4 for 7) routed the Pencoed batsmen.

In the league, half centuries from Nigel Allison and James Snelson helped the Cavs beat St Fagans. Harry Withers (31) and Jono Cheal (40 not out) were also in good form. Dave Russell (3 for 31), Julian Griffiths (2 for 50) and James Snelson (2 for 39) bowled St Fagans out, with four sharp catches from Julian Griffiths.

On the Sunday, Llantwit Major Cavaliers Cricket Club hosted a cricket challenge match against Llantwit Major RFC to raise money for Help for Heroes, with a fantastic £465 raised on the day.

The following week, the Firsts beat Newport while the Seconds thrashed Penarth to go top of their league. The enigmatic James Snelson starred in the Llantwit First innings with a majestic 83 and completed a man of the match display with 3 for 30.

For the Seconds at Penarth, skipper Phil Harris (4 for 31) and Gareth Hughes (2 for 20) were well supported by bowlers Dave Cheal, Frasier Wheatley and Adrian Ashton before openers Ed Pickford (61 not out) and Gareth Hughes (62 not out) steered the Cavs to a 10-wicket victory, Hughes making a starring contribution with both bat and ball.

The Cavaliers Mid Week XI continued to carry all before them with a seven-wicket defeat of Barry West End. Jono Cheal dismissed both openers for 16 runs before Julian Griffiths (3 for 12) tore through the middle order. Dave Russell, Jake McNaughton and Tom Gingell mopped up the tail!

The Colts Midweek XI have impressed in their first season in the league and against Cogan Chiefs Elliot Pritchard clean bowled three in a comfortable win.

On Sunday, Barry Strollers were demolished, with school boy protégé Sam Pickford hitting an undefeated maiden century including 11 fours and two sixes, with Julian Griffiths hitting 18 fours in a lusty 88.

Back to the league and a win at Dinas Powys put Llantwit Major Cavaliers Firsts into top spot position, which they never relinquished. Openers Julian Griffiths (65) and Mark Caldwell (52) got off to a good start.

Griffiths produced a man of the match display with 4 for 36 plus pouching a sharp catch, while Jono Cheal (3 for 18) and James Snelson (3 for 72) also bowled superbly. Keeper Harry Withers had a good day with the gloves holding onto three catches.

The Seconds also played well but slipped to a narrow defeat at the hands of Barry Wanderers, a result that also decided who would be champions. Ed Pickford (54) and Pete Lansdown (47) batted well, while on the bowling front Scott Wheatley (2 for 43) ruffled a few feathers. Phil Harris claimed two wickets and Frasier Wheatley and Alex Harris one each, but the Wanderers sneaked home in the 43rd over.

The Midweek XI beat Cardiff away. Opener Julian Griffiths hit 63, enjoying good partnerships with James Huxtable and Shane Callard. Three wickets each from Julian Griffiths and Snelson plus two from Jono and a couple of sharp run-outs, courtesy of Jake McNaughton, saw off the City Slickers.

The Colts lost to Barry Wanderers but once again the benefit of this development side is paying huge dividends in terms of match practice, experience and identifying stars of the future. Sam Pickford (2 for 20), Adrian Ashton (2 for 13), Alex Harris (2 for 30) and Ashley Gifford (1 for 19) were the Colts' wicket takers. Sam Pickford fell three short of 50 in Llantwit's game reply.

The Sunday XI beat Barry West End, thanks to a lively 38 from Mike Wood and an excellently manufactured 42 not out from Tim Bunce. A very good bowling and holding performance was highlighted by 3 for 23 from Andrew Williams.

James Snelson powered the Midweek XI to yet another victory over Barry Wanderers with an amazing 93 including seven sixes and seven fours, a good knock seven short of a good score as one critic put it! Mike Wood waded in with a belligerent 37.

June 26 saw a below par Cavs lose their first league game at home against second placed Llanarth. James Snelson hit 59 forging a 50-run partnership with Mark Caldwell but Llanarth cruised home in the 40th over.

It was a different story for the Seconds at Llanarth as a maiden 50 for Andrew Williams and a personal best of 47 for 16-year-old Frasier Wheatley saw Llantwit's young guns come of age with a brilliant batting display. Dave Cheal was mister consistency as a bowler throughout the season and took 3 for 23 while Adrian Ashton enjoyed a good day in the field taking three catches.

ABOVE:
Julian Griffiths and Mark Caldwell.

Good fielding also helped the Midweek XI beat Fontygary. Dave Cheal finished with the impressive figures of 4 for 22 as Llantwit's fielders held onto six catches in all and succeeded with one run-out. Jake McNaughton and Julian Griffiths saw Llantwit home to a nine-wicket win.

The Colts suffered a heavy reverse at Pencoed, despite a fine 3 for 21 for Adrian Ashton and four overs for a miserly two runs from Scott Wheatley.

A great performance from Cavs Seconds saw them pick up more league points at the expense of Cefn Forest. Dave Cheal and Scott Wheatley restricted Cefn Forest to just 15 runs in 13 overs, with Wheatley bowling five consecutive maidens while brother Frasier took 3 for 35. Skipper Phil Harris (32) got the Cavs off to a great start in reply with Frasier Wheatley (31) turning in a man of the match display.

The First XI got back on track with an eight-wicket win over visitors Abertillery, with five bowlers getting among the wickets and Ed Pickford top-scoring with 44 not out after a 50-run partnership by openers Griffiths and Caldwell had taken the sting out of the Abertillery attack.

In July, the Cavaliers Midweek XI made it 10 out of 10 wins with a hard fought win at Creigiau. A crucial 70-run partnership between James Snelson and Julian Griffiths was the mainstay of the Llantwit innings. Opening bowlers Dave Cheal (1 for 16) and Jono Cheal (3 for 9) kept the top order well in check before Snelson and Jake McNaughton put the brakes on the Creigiau run chase.

In the league, the First XI lost to Cross Keys but stayed top after picking up valuable bonus points. Jono Cheal opened from the Windmill Lane end and posted excellent figures of 10 overs 1 for 15. Julian Griffiths (3 for 55) and Dave Russell (4 for 55) ensured maximum bowling points.

On the batting front, Griffiths, Ed Pickford, Harry Withers and Neal Pritchard all got starts but failed to kick on and, despite eight Cavaliers batsmen reaching double figures, they lost by 38 runs, but by passing the 200-mark valuable batting bonus points accrued.

The Seconds beat Monkswood, thanks to a superb bowling performance and an unbeaten 54 runs from Tim Bunce. Mid-July saw the first defeats for the Midweek and Sunday XI. Eventual Midweek League winners Barry Internationals, condemned the Cavs to runners-up, despite an unbeaten 59-run partnership from Julian Griffiths (41 not out) and Jack Lansdown (41 not out).

The Sunday XI were outgunned at Ynsyngharad Park by a strong Ponty side, despite a battling 60 from Cavs opener Julian Griffiths. Peter Orchard marked his Cavaliers debut with a wicket! Ben Jenkins took 3 for 36.

With the First XI game at Christchurch rained off, the Seconds again flew the flag for the Cavs with a superb performance to inflict an 85-run defeat on Bridgend. James Snelson passed 50 runs again, while Tom Gingell was desperately unlucky to be out one short of his half century. Ashley Gifford chipped in with a career best of 32. Tom Gingell took three wickets for the Cavs, but Phil Vincent and Pete Lansdown grabbed a brace.

Saturday, July 24 saw the Cavs First XI beat Great Western and the Second XI defeat Lisvane. Ed Pickford hit a masterful 82 for the Cavs. The Seconds gained a nerve tingling last-ball win at Lisvane with Phil Vincent (37 not out) joined by Adrian Ashton (19 not out) to steer the Cavs home with three wickets in hand.

The Sunday XI beat Pencoed with skipper Julian Griffiths carrying his bat for a chanceless 111. Sam Pickford, James Huxtable and Ben Jenkins also put bat to ball with a purpose as Llantwit rattled up 231 for 5.

Then the Cavs opening bowlers, Dave Cheal and Alex Harris, destroyed the Pencoed top order, with Harris taking 4 for 18. Three run-outs in a lively fielding display by the Cavs saw off Pencoed.

Partnerships were the key as Cavs Midweek XI beat Dinas at the Common in the league, but the following night a tired-looking Cavs side were dumped out of the Cup by Cardiff. The highlight of Llantwit's win at Dinas was veteran Dave Snelson rolling back the years to claim the last two batsmen in the last over for one run.

In the Cup, Mark Caldwell was Llantwit's best player, with good support from Mike Wood and Mark Dowling.

The end of July saw the Firsts and the Seconds flying high. The First XI beat Abercarn by nine wickets at the picturesque Welfare Park. Mike Wood, Ben Jenkins and Julian Griffiths were the prime Cavs wicket takers.

Openers Mark Caldwell and Julian Griffiths began confidently with a 100 partnership, Griffiths finishing 77 not out.

The Seconds were indebted to Shane Callard's 74 not out that included 10 fours and a six as they gained maximum batting points against visitors Abercarn. Once again, the Cavs opening bowlers exerted tremendous pressure to leave Abercarn an uphill task.

August began with the Sunday XI beating Barry West End thanks to another big score of 80 from Julian Griffiths and a brisk 33 from Sam Pickford. Adrian Ashton (3 for 6) and Sam Pickford (3 for 4) plus Jono Cheal (3 for 12) nipped through the Barry line-up to seal an emphatic win.

The Midweek XI had a comfortable nine-wicket win against visitors Lisvane, with opening bowlers Dave and Jono Cheal both taking 2 for 14. James Snelson (57 not out) saw the Cavs win with five overs to spare. Despite good bowling from Scott Wheatley (2 for 17), Sam Pickford and Andrew Williams, the Colts lost heavily at Creigiau in the league, but the following Monday they beat Cogan Chiefs in the Cup by 40 runs with youngsters Tom Pritchard (22) Adrian Ashton 38 not out and Sam Pickford (25) the principal scorers.

Scott Wheatley (3 for 8), Lewis Collins (3 for 12) and Elliot Pritchard (2 for 20) did the damage with the ball for the Cavs.

Mid August saw the Cavs Second XI lose for the first time in seven games when visitors Penarth sprang a big surprise. Fielding a very inexperienced line-up, 14-year-old Cameron Sleeth showed tremendous potential for the Cavs with the highest score of the day with 47 runs.

Scott Wheatley and Dave Cheal conceded just 10 runs off the opening overs and Tim Bunce (2 for 23) held Penarth for a while but they eventually triumphed.

The First XI continued their push towards the first position with a confident win at Newport. Julian Griffiths (53) James Snelson and Sam Pickford (49) helped Llantwit set a decent score while on the bowling front Julian Griffiths (2 for 38), Ben Jenkins (2 for 9) and Jono Cheal (1 for 20) kept Newport in check.

The end of an exceptionally wet August saw the First XI game at Llanarth cancelled but were champions of Division Two. The Seconds came agonisingly close to emulating the Firsts as they destroyed Llanarth Seconds.

Bowling first, Llantwit's star was Alex Harris (4 for 14) after Scott Wheatley (2 for 8), Adrian Ashton (4 for 18) had done the early damage. A point to note from this innings was the fact that all 10 wickets were clean-bowled and the oldest bowler in the Llantwit attack was 19-year-old Scott Wheatley. Julian Griffiths (37 not out) guided the Cavs home in the 12th over.

Having done their bit, all eyes were on the Barry Wanderers result, with the Barry side scraping home with one wicket to spare to pip Llantwit by 0.77 average to take the title. Nevertheless, the Seconds celebrated in style!

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CAVS president leads the old guard to victory!

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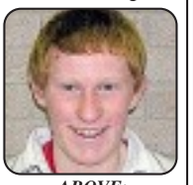
Bank Holiday Monday saw the Cavaliers celebrate their 35th anniversary with a match between the President's XI and the Chairman's XI. With the president, Simon Jones, giving a strong impression of Shane Warne to take three wickets for only five runs, the Chairman's XI were indebted to a whirlwind 53 not out from Sam Pickford as they reached 109 after 20 overs. Nigel Allison and Mike Hadlow both retired on 30 not out as the President's innings closed on 108 after 20 overs.

In their second innings, the Chairman's XI set the President's XI what looked like a stiff ask of 131 to win. Julian Griffiths (34 not out), James Snelson (26) and Sam Pickford (28 not out) were the pick of he chairman's batsmen with Pickford batting superbly in both innings.

The youthful Chairman's XI got off to a confident start with a couple of early wickets but when the chips are down you can be sure club president Simon Jones will deliver, and his 28 not out, helped by Richard Kelly (25) Phil Harris (30 not out) and Dave Russell (22) saw the old brigade triumph. Ed's barbecue was a fitting end to a very successful season.



ABOVE: Sam Pickford.

The season saw Julian Griffiths impose himself as a very talented all round cricketer. He managed to pass 2,000 runs for the season to take his all-time Cavaliers total past 6,000 runs with 14 centuries and 36 fifties!

He took 50 wickets as a bowler to move onto a Cavs career total of 244 and pouched 32 catches, with four as wicketkeeper. He also managed two stumpings to add to seven run-outs.

Sam Pickford, with his maiden century and some excellent bowling displays, looks another bright up-and-coming star, while seasoned campaigners Ed Pickford and Mark Caldwell also passed the 3,000 Cavaliers career runs milestone.

The Cavaliers would also like to say a massive thank you to Julie Cheal for the delicious teas and help throughout the season, and Rhian Orchard for stepping in when needed and for providing a great lunch on president's day.

DG

Local horses win plaudits

Courella, a six-year-old bay gelding, trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, and backed from 9–1 to 9–2 favourite, landed the big race Arcadis UK Handicap Chase at Fontwell, getting home by a nose from *Morestead* to the relief of his many punters and delighted trainer, who was saddling his 40th winner of the season.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Courella*, who was carrying top weight of 11st 12lb, was giving 10lb to the runner-up who is a course and distance winner.

At Stratford earlier in the week, *My Brother Sylvest*, a four-year-old, owned, trained and bred by Bridgend's David Brace, and partnered by Kenfig Hill's Rhys Flint, romped home in the Paddy Power NH Novices' Hurdle after being backed from 7–1 to 5–1.

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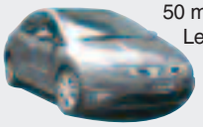

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GEM sport

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

Regions must play their part, if dream is to become reality

"October is a fine and dangerous season … a wonderful time to begin anything at all" - Thomas Merton, writer, poet and Trappist monk.

October 2010-October 2011 - what a momentous 12 months is in prospect as a marathon sports banquet, the like of which has not been seen in the Welsh Rugby Union's 129-year history, gets under way.

(Our national game's earliest roots, in fact, go back even further – to the mid 19th century at Lampeter College – followed in 1875 by the creation of the South Wales Football Union.

However, the first international match was against England on February 19, 1881, when a scratch Welsh XV was whitewashed in a humiliating six-try baptism of fire at Blackheath.

No doubt this crushing defeat was the spark behind the historic meeting in the Castle Hotel, Neath on March 12, when 11 clubs voted to form the Welsh Rugby Union).

The current WRU hierarchy would do well to remember the fact that it owes its very existence to the clubs, not the other way around!

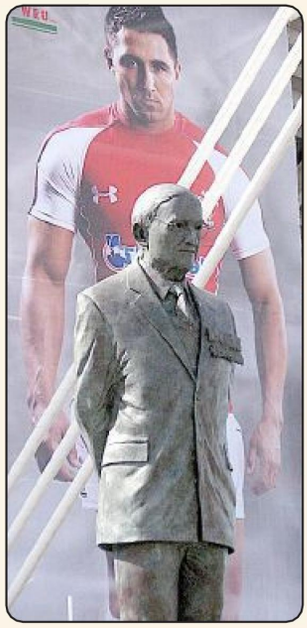
Ironically, having controversially reduced the elite Welsh club system to just four regions, it now seems set on pointedly clipping the latter's wings by removing them from the WRU board.

On though to more pressing playing matters, and continuing the culinary analogy...

First we have four appetizers – the autumn 'friendlies' that aren't – against the Tri-Nations giants, plus Fiji in Cardiff; then come five spring *hors d'oeuvres* – the Six Nations; followed by three summer salads (England twice and Argentina); then the *piece de resistance* – next autumn's mouthwatering main course – Rugby World Cup 2011, waiting to be served up by the already salivating New Zealand hosts in October.

With extra side dishes provided by the four regions in the Magners League and (hopefully) Europe, the table is set for non-stop rugby fare that should sate even the most voracious fans' appetites over the coming year.

For the Welsh national squad, of course, the daunting prospect of a 12-month playing schedule that will rise to a World Cup climax, represents an unprecedented endurance test of their physical and mental stamina.



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Sir Tasker Watkins was a holder of the Victoria Cross, a High Court Judge, and a long-serving president of the Welsh Rugby Union, and his bronze statue dominates the entrance to the Millennium Stadium.
So, what would Sir Tasker think of the latest controversy over the figure that loomed above him when the WRU recently unveiled the national team's latest strip?

After his Antarctic exploits on the TV game show '71 Degrees North', Welsh rugby's absentee star Gavin Henson should have no problem in this regard – if he can be persuaded to again lace up his celebrated boots after taking off his Come Dancing shoes!

Whatever the rights and wrongs of his attempts to break away from the Ospreys, time is clearly running out, though, if he seriously intends to end his rugby 'exile'.

One can only hope now that the long-running saga is speedily resolved, for he is a genuine world class talent and the present uncertainty does no-one any good.

Mind you, Welsh hopes will have taken a dent from the typically trenchant views of another famous superstar of the past, Bobby 'Duke' Windsor, that Wales can never aspire to winning the Rugby World Cup and that Welsh players have become "too soft".

Far be it for me to take issue with the legendary Duke! However, what does seem indisputable is that at this moment in time, the top tier of Welsh rugby is well short of the level required if Wales is to mount a realistic challenge for the Webb Ellis trophy Down Under – certainly when compared to the Tri-Nations giants' state of play.

In this respect, the autumn 'friendlies' in Cardiff will take on even greater significance, in terms of assessing just what can and must be done to close the gap in the year ahead.

As stated on many occasions, Welsh rugby has undoubtedly made huge strides in terms of achieving greater physical durability and ball-winning muscularity up front – and there is absolutely no doubt that native flair is still there in abundance among the threequarters.

And yet…

Until the disparate parts are finally moulded into a cohesive whole, able to compete with precision at the highest level, not just in occasional patches, but on a ruthlessly-repetitive basis, *a la* the All Blacks, the dream of a permanent place at rugby's top table will remain just that.

However, all is not yet lost and there is still time to discover the elusive consistency that is an absolute pre-requisite for success.

The initial onus is on the four regions to lay the groundwork by at last becoming a real force in Europe – and finally justify that contentious WRU decision to choose them over the elite club structure when it came to professional reorganisation.

Third defeat in a row for Cowbridge Town

COWBRIDGE Town FC stretched their winless run to three games last weekend, going down 3–2 to fellow high-fliers Cadoxton Barry in a close fought encounter.

The pitch at Bryn-Y-Don, one of the biggest in the league, caused Town problems early on as the home side found space in attack to build some promising moves.

That pressure told midway through the first half, when Town's failure to clear their lines fell to the onrushing striker, who poked the ball into the bottom corner from the edge of the area.

Town, still majorly depleted through injuries, worked hard to pull a goal back, even hitting the woodwork twice.

However, they found themselves two goals down shortly afterwards through a well worked free kick, which saw good movement from the Cadoxton striker rewarded after a decent back post finish beat Ian Bavey in the Cowbridge goal.

Town showed good character to stay in the game from that point, with Cadoxton still causing a threat.

The away side were rewarded for their vigilance soon after, a loose ball finding Hans Kennedy just inside the box, who fired past the keeper with his less-favoured right foot.

The resurgence was credit to Town's fighting spirit, even if they lacked the cutting edge with which they have become accustomed.

Half-time brought optimism to Town, and they transferred this quickly onto the pitch.

Sustained pressure soon got rewarded through another Jack Gavin goal which brought the scores level, and left Cowbridge sensing the game was there to be won.

Continuing to press, chances came and went for Town, who continued to crank up the pressure on their rivals.

Their ascendancy didn't convert into goals, however, and when a speculative 30 yard effort triggered an error from Town stopper Bavey to hand the lead back to the home side, a discouraged Town eleven were unable to pick themselves up again and suffered their second loss in a row.

Cowbridge Town now focus their attention on the Cup, taking on Glenbrook of the VOGAFL Premier League in what looks set to be a stern test of their development.

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School stages its sports awards

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School staged its annual sports presentation at the new school on September 23.

To start the evening off, there was a display of sporting activities so that guests and parents could observe the new facilities and see pupils performing. The year-9 and 10 girls played netball on the multi sse games area, the senior girls played hockey and the year-10 boys played football on the 3G pitch. The year-11 GCSE dance class and gymnastics squad performed routines in the conditioning room and the year-8 boys played basketball in the sports hall.

For the official presentation, year-8 pupil Matthew Upcott played the grand piano while guests arrived and there was a presentation of photographs from the 2009-2010 academic year.

Head Teacher Margaret Evans welcomed more than 300 guests, teachers, parents and pupils to the sports presentation to honour the school's international sportspeople and winners of international, national, county and district competitions. Certificates were also given to members of winning teams and county representatives.

Mrs Evans introduced the sport guests, hockey international Dawn Mitchell who is representing Wales in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi and retired Glamorgan cricketer Darren Thomas.

The audience also consisted of the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge, Coun Len Taylor and Mrs Janet Legg, and Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Mr C Osborne and Mrs Osborne, school governors. and director of learning and development Mr Bryan Jeffreys.

The evening was compered by Gareth Roberts the presenter of S4C's Clwb Rygbi. Brynmore Williams concluded the evening with a vote of thanks to the pupils, parents and the PE department.

(See next week's GEM for the full list of awards).

Tom's Market Rasen success

TOM DAVID, a 7lbs claiming jockey who is attached to Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard, landed a gamble on Cardiff bookmaker David Lovell's five-year-old chestnut gelding *Ben's Folly* in the handicap hurdle at Market Rasen on Sunday.

Backed from 5-1 to 7-2 favourite, *Ben's Folly*, who is by *Beneficial*, was winning for the third consecutive time.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams saddled the winner of the opener-novices' hurdle – with Mr John Lee Jones's *Get It On* which came home eight lengths ahead of the top-weighted *Rubipresent*.

Get It On, which had finished second in its previous two races, was returned at odds of 5-1.

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